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MY HOPES FOR CHARLIE GEORGE

by Brian Clough



**Soccer mad
SHEFFIELD**
Special report

FORMER Tottenham Hotspur manager Bill Nicholson has some advice to non-League clubs contemplating signing on former big name players.

"Don't touch them with a barge pole unless the price is right," he said. 'Nick' who has just opened a new £18,000 social club at Town and Country League club Sudbury Town added: "It is sometimes better for clubs to spend their money on facilities like this than on players who are past it."

I'm staying-Hunter

THERE will be no fits of fury or transfer requests from Ipswich Town's Allan Hunter because he can't command a first-team place.

He said philosophically: "There is no guarantee of anything in this game and at the moment Russell Osman and Terry Butcher are playing well enough to keep me out."

The big Northern Ireland defender added: "My presence helps to keep the lads on their toes and I like to think that I'm still good enough to step in if either of them is injured or they lose form."

"I have no grumbles whatever and I've had nine wonderful years at Portman Road and a marvellous life from the game. I hope I'm now putting something back into it."

"As everybody knows I turned down moves to Chelsea and Bristol City but manager Bobby Robson put no pressure on me whatsoever."

"But I'm happy here in the Reserves. It all reminds me of when I was their age. I got a lot of help from old-time Irish international Bertie Peacock and Oldham manager Jimmy Frizzell."

"Now I'm trying to do for today's youngsters what they did for me. I shout at them out on the park on Saturday afternoons but I only hope they realise what I'm trying to do for them come Sunday, Monday, Tuesday etc."

Hunter who leads an extremely happy life in Ipswich with his wife and two children would like to continue in some role at Portman Road. "There has been no talk of my joining the coaching staff or anything like that but I wouldn't mind having a go when the time comes."

● Hunter will receive a silver salver from the Ipswich Town Supporters Club on Saturday to mark his 50th appearance for Northern Ireland. The salver will be engraved with the names of others in the '50-club': Danny Blanchflower, Pat Jennings, Terry Neill, Billy Bingham and Jimmy McIlory.



● Allan Hunter - happy to stay at Portman Road.

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SALUTE Coventry boss Gordon Milne for his team's great win over Liverpool. And salute his club for their go-ahead approach which meant that the game started in the first place.

Milne showed tremendous faith in including five teenagers and two 20-year-olds against the League champions. It could have been a fearsome prospect. Some suspected heavy defeat for Coventry as men like Mike Ferguson and Jim Holton stayed out - and Gary Gillespie (19), Paul Dyson (20), Andy Blair (20), Ray Gooding (19), Tom English (18), Mark Hateley (18) and Garry Thompson (20) stayed in.

Milne's minnows, as they could be described, responded with a great display which brought a famous 1-0 victory and had Liverpool in all sorts of trouble. In fact they didn't get a real shot in until the 83rd minute.

What a reward for Gordon Milne. As for the club, their foresight in installing 20 miles of heating pipes under the pitch meant action as normal while many others had to sit it out - and even suffer the indignity of defeat at the hands of the Pools Panel. That would surely have been Coventry's fate. Instead they won 1-0 before a massive 31,000 crowd.

What a reward for Coventry City. No wonder Jimmy Hill seems to smile more than normal on Match of the Day!

COVER CAPTION: Everton's Asa Hartford and Coventry's Ray Gooding tussle for possession.

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Vital three months for Shrewsbury

FOR SHREWSBURY Town, the next three months are vital. Champions of the Third Division last Spring, they now find themselves separated from the relegation zone of the Second Division by just a goal difference.

And for player-manager Graham Turner it has been a question of trying to solve the Shropshire sides appalling away record that has yielded just two points from 13 outings.

"I can't put my finger on it," says the 32-year-old Turner. "If I could, obviously I would do something about it."

Turner has given his young players the opportunity to show their paces and with money tight there seems to be little more than he can do to arrest the slide.

It is quite extraordinary how a side that has scored 23 goals at home - one more than leaders Chelsea in 12 games should yet be seeking to reach double figures from 13 away fixtures. But that is the key to Shrewsbury's demise.

DESERT DOUBLE

IN A bid to shake off the dark clouds, which have hung around the Hawthorns since their F.A. Cup exit added to the gloom of a points-starved season, West Bromwich Albion flew off in search of the sun last week.

They played two matches on a mini Middle East tour which

took them first to the United Arab Emirates, where two goals from Ally Brown and one from £100,000 teenager Ian Benjamin earned them a 3-0 win over Emirates FC, who are coached by ex-Manchester United 'keeper Ray Wood and included six members of Don Revie's international team.

It was then on to Bahrain, where Cyrille Regis, John Deehan, Reme Moses and a first-half own goal earned them a 4-1 over a Select XI.

"It was a very pleasant break for us," said manager Ron Atkinson. "The heat wasn't a problem, it was about 70 degrees, and the hospitality was superb."

"It's difficult to assess how good the Arabs were, possibly about Southern League standard. But they have obviously learned good technique and they're quick," said Atkinson.

Ally Brown (striped shirt) ... two goals in the Middle East.





ALL HAPPY AT VILLA

-Jimmy Rimmer

A STRING of reflex saves by Jimmy Rimmer robbed Cambridge United of a shock FA Cup fourth round win over mighty Aston Villa on Saturday.

Villa were well pleased to escape with a 1-1 draw and Rimmer said afterwards: "I'm not used to the crowd so close to me. I really had to concentrate."

"As for their goal, I felt I had Chris Turner's header covered, but Dennis Mortimer got his head to it first and deflected it past me."

But Turner, a former Peterborough and Luton player who has been tasting American soccer, retorted: "I thought it was going in anyway. I might have had a couple more in the

second half, but just got under them."

What of life at Villa Park, now the boardroom squabbles, which rocked the club earlier this season are over?

Rimmer says: "There's a tremendous atmosphere now at the club. We are trying to mould ourselves on Liverpool, with young players blending with some experienced professionals."

"The boss, Ron Saunders, is building a squad of 15 or 16 players, no one wants to leave and everyone is keen to play, it's a great atmosphere."

TOP PICTURE: Jimmy Rimmer's despairing dive as Chris Turner scores for Cambridge.

Jimmy Rimmer... brilliant saves.



Donovan nudges in Villa's 16th minute opener past Malcolm Webster.



I FEAR FOR SWINDON

-Bobby Smith

SWINDON'S tremendous Cup exploits are working against their attempts to climb out of the Third Division.

Manager Bobby Smith admitted after the first game with Tottenham in the FA Cup that the Cup ties were proving a mental as well as a physical drain.

"We should have played Rotherham this week but because of the replay we've had to postpone it," he said. "We're now five games behind and although they're nice to have it's better to have the points."

Smith picked out the fast-tackling skills of Tottenham full-back Chris Hughton as one reason why his team couldn't convert a lot of their pressure into goals in the original game.

"Hughton's a good prospect from a full-back point of view. He didn't give right-



Swindon manager Bobby Smith.

winger Ian Miller much room but perhaps we were at fault because we didn't get enough of the ball through to him."

Scott is a Shilton fan

WHO'S the biggest fan of Peter Shilton, the Nottingham Forest and England goalkeeper?

Young Lloyd Scott, an 18-year-old custodian with Orient, must be near the top of the list.

Lloyd says: "Peter Shilton is my idol and my friend, watching him has willed me on. Like Peter I train as hard as I can, wear the same boots and gloves and have the same hairstyle."

"My friendship with him has blossomed and he has spent some time after games and on the phone talking to me."

"He and I will be getting together so that I can train with him. My whole football life revolves around Peter. I feel that if I model myself on the best around, I cannot go far wrong."

Stepney-born Scott, who first joined Orient in July, 1978, and turned professional last October, isn't doing too badly. He played for F.A. Youth in 1978-79 and the current season and has been with the England Youth squad for training.

It's Celtic to play St Mirren

PREMIER Division championship-chasers Celtic and St Mirren are paired together in the fourth round of the Scottish FA Cup.

Soon after Celtic and St Mirren had disposed of Raith Rovers and Brechin respectively in the third round they were drawn to face each other in the next hurdle on February 16.

The rest of the draw is: Clyde or Rangers v Dundee United or Dundee; Morton v Dunfermline or Buckie Thistle; Hibernian v Ayr; Alloa or Hearts v Clydebank or Stirling; Keith v Berwick Rangers; Queen of the South v Kilmarnock or Partick Thistle; Aberdeen or Arbroath v Airdrie or St Johnstone.

Bond tips rivals

JOHN Bond tipping East Anglian rivals Ipswich Town for the FA Cup? Yes it's true — the chirpy Norwich boss said even before Ipswich's tremendous 2-1 Fourth Round success at Bristol City that he fancied them to go all the way.

"The way they're playing at the moment I can't see them getting beaten," he said.

Saturday FA Cup snippets

THIS is the eleventh time since the War and the ninth in the last 18 years that both Liverpool and Everton have entered the fifth round of the FA Cup in the same season.

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TOMMY Taylor's goal for Orient against West Ham provided the season's 50th case of a player scoring against his former club.

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OF the clubs already in round five of the FA Cup, Swansea (John Toshack) and Chester (Alan Oakes) are managed by men who have played in FA Cup winning teams and Bolton (Ian Greaves) and Blackburn (Howard Kendall) by others who figured in beaten final sides.

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ARSENAL'S win over Brighton on Saturday was their 74th in the competition since the War and Liverpool's their 71st. Only Manchester United (86) have won more ties.

BLACKBURN'S Andy Crawford became the only player to score in all the first four rounds when he netted the winner against Coventry.

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ARSENAL'S Brian Talbot has now scored in the FA Cup and the League Cup this season — but not in a league match!

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THIS is the third season on the trot in which all the North East's big three have been knocked out in the fifth round or earlier. Arsenal are in the round five for the fourth time on the trot and the 20th since the War, Bolton the third time in the last five seasons, Ipswich third in a row but Blackburn for only the second time in eleven years and Birmingham the first in five. West Ham are there for the ninth time in 25 years. But Bury are in round five for the first time since 1932, Chester only the second in their history, Swansea the first in 15 years and Watford the first in 10.

'Blues belong in Division 1'

KEITH Bertschin made it two FA Cup goals in succession on Saturday — and then sat back and enjoyed the applause of his manager Jim Smith.

"Bertschin had a good game," Smith said. "He has improved since he concentrated on the things that he does well, rather than imitating others."

Smith was also delighted with the form of his Blues side who have now dismissed two top First Division teams from the competition.

"We played better against Middlesbrough than we did against Southampton. In that game we were on top in the second half only. Against 'Boro we hit a high note at the start and maintained it throughout."

Smith claimed that Birmingham would be "more at home" in the First Division. "We played too much football for the Second Division and that is a disadvantage," he added.

Former England and Preston winger Tom Finney also enjoyed the game. He praised Birmingham's performance and thinks that they might make Wembley with that vital bit of luck.

The purpose of Tom's visit was to present a cheque for £38,000 to Birmingham for ground improvements already carried out. The money came from the Pools Promoters Football Ground improvements trust.



Birmingham's Keith Bertschin

LEEDS United centre-half Paul Hart is a keen follower of Leicester City's progress this season. Younger brother Nigel joined the Filbert Street club earlier this season after a spell with Wigan Athletic.

According to reports he was making good progress in the City reserves side before breaking a bone in his foot a few weeks ago.

Like his big brother, Nigel Hart is a back-four player.

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IT'S welcome back to Ibrox for forward Gordon Boyd who was recently given a free transfer by Fulham.

Boyd, who started his career with Rangers moved South to Craven Cottage on a free transfer but was unable to settle in London.

Now he gets another chance with the Scottish club.

IF THE name is anything to go by yet another Leeds United reserve team player is destined to make the headlines before much longer.

Alan Clarke aims to go all the way and follow young Terry Connor into the first-team squad. And if he does as well there as his namesake, former Leeds' star Allan Clarke, now at Barnsley, the Elland Road faithfuls will be delighted.

Alan is a clever midfield player from Dublin who joined United last year and recently made a comeback in the United Reserves side after being sidelined with a broken bone in his ankle.

I'll stay and fight - Clement

BOLTON skipper Dave Clement, who joined the club last Summer to avoid Second Division football, says this time he'll stay and fight it out if Bolton get relegated.

"I had no quarrel with Queen's Park Rangers but at the time I felt I wanted to stay in the First Division. It can take three or four years to get back up again, and at 30 time's not on my side.

"But when I came to Bolton I signed a three-year contract. It's up to the manager, of course, but if he still wants me I'm prepared to stay even if, as looks likely, we do go down."

But do Bolton have the players to come straight back up? On 'Match of the Day' Jimmy Hill criticised manager Ian Greaves for not introducing more youngsters into an 'ageing team'.

"I think in the situation we're in, we've got to be very careful about throwing youngsters in... we've got some promising young players here, but they'll have to be introduced carefully, and be groomed properly for the top flight."

'My 12-month nightmare-Lee'

THERE was no one more eager to welcome 1980 than Sunderland's Bob Lee. He summed up 1979 as "the most disastrous 12 months of my career."

His sickening chronicle of setbacks started with Sunderland missing promotion last May by one point. That was followed in the summer by newly-appointed manager Ken Knighton telling Bob he was no longer wanted.

Lee got a boost when Leeds United agreed a transfer deal with Sunderland. That was shattered when he failed an Elland Road medical because of a heart defect.

Said Bob: "That was the biggest sickener of all, because the heart condition did not affect my ability to play."

In fact, it boosted his determination to get back into the Sunderland team and he achieved it - only to suffer a ligament injury and finish the year with his leg in a plaster cast.



Bob Lee - a twelve-month nightmare.

"Little wonder I welcomed the New Year with open arms," he said. "I'm sure 1980 cannot be any worse."

Luck is all U's need...

COLCHESTER boss Bobby Roberts is a canny Scot when it comes to forecasting whether United will move up into the Second Division for the first time in the club's history.

"We have no divine right to go up," he said as his team failed to go to the top of the table after losing 1-0 at home to Chesterfield. But, he added: "Neither have Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Grimsby or all the others in contention."

"I think we have just the same chance as the others, however. All we need is a good run-in and a little bit more confidence - particularly at home."

"There's a long way to go yet and with a bit of luck we can do it - but one can't make forecasts at this stage of the season."

Roberts was as non-committal in condemnation of the lack of support at Layer Road for a promotion-chasing



Colchester manager Bobby Roberts.

team as his directors.

Speaking after the Chesterfield match had attracted a mere 3,760, Roberts said: "I don't suppose we should be moaning, although it is very disappointing. It might be a different story if we were winning regularly at home."



Dave Clement - staying with Bolton.

PRICE PROBLEM FOR MORGAN

CARDIFF manager Richie Morgan has fallen between stools in his attempt to strengthen his side with a goalscoring forward.

He says the best of the bunch are out of his price range while those that they could afford don't seem to be worth having.

He has toyed with the idea of moving in for Queen's Park Rangers Mickey Walsh, Everton's Peter Eastoe and Paul Randall, of Stoke, in a bid to push his side up the Second Division table.

All have been discounted for a number of reasons - as has Clive Woods, of Ipswich, who Morgan considers overpriced at £200,000.

But he's still very much in the hunt. "I don't mind if he's big or small as long as he scores goals," Morgan says. "I'd settle for a goal-scoring winger if I could find one to do the job."

MY HOPES FOR CHARLIE CLOUGH

Nobody wants Charlie George to succeed in his remaining years in the game more than I do.



WE'VE GOT him at last! Charlie George is playing for me at Nottingham Forest. It seems a long time ago since I first tried to get him for Derby when he was at Arsenal.

I remember it well, because I got the then manager at Highbury, Bertie Mee, out of bed to talk about him.

I had tracked Bertie down to a hotel in Winchester, where Arsenal were staying overnight on their way to a match at Southampton.

It was 11 o'clock at night and when it took him some time to answer the phone I inquired: "You're not in bed are you? How on earth can you sleep on a Friday night?"

Peter Taylor and I couldn't get Charlie on that occasion, and when we tried to discuss a deal again 16 months later, we failed again.

Now we have actually got him — on a month's trial — but, whether his future is with Forest or Southampton, I only hope that in the next three or four years his promise is fulfilled.

Charlie George has been one of the most gifted players on the football scene in the last ten years. But even at the age of 29, there are still question marks against him.

That's why, when he joined us on a month's loan from Southampton, I said that nobody wants him to succeed in his remaining years in the game more than I do.

He's never ever consistently produced the goods but, to be fair to him, he's not been in a side that has given him a chance of doing just that.

I know he was a member of the Arsenal double-winning side but that, coming fairly early in his career, ought to have been the platform for really big things.

But he went to Derby County and, although he had a magnificent season with them, something went wrong and with injuries here and there troubling him, he was never able to have a sustained spell of the kind of brilliance we know he is capable of producing.

The last 16 months at Southampton must have been a nightmare to him in many respects because of his injury troubles but when we went after him for the third time it suited us to take him on loan just to check on his fitness. It goes without saying that Peter Taylor and I would have liked him earlier in his career.

There are a few things he's done in the past that I haven't particularly agreed with. Like the time he refused to play for England B and told a newspaper about it before England. I thought that was a disgraceful exhibition.

I see no reason why he should not have played for England B. Now, if he feels that he should be an England regular then I'm all for that attitude — as long as he proves it out there on the field.

Perhaps he needs a bit of luck, perhaps he needs the right kind of management . . . all I know is that now he's around the 30 mark, the time has come for him to show the footballing world what the real Charlie George is capable of doing over a sustained period.

Mind you, we were delighted with the way he set off for us in the 2-1 win over Leeds.

Since Tony Woodcock left for Cologne, we have been short of a striker to play alongside Garry Birtles and when Charlie came on loan we decided to use him up there.

But that's not to say he will be permanently pushed forward. In fact, during the Leeds' game we dropped him into midfield and sent Trevor Francis forward.

I know Trevor was always regarded as an out and out striker before he joined us but we feel that he is at his best running at defenders rather than having his back to goal all the time.

But with Trevor, Charlie and Stan Bowles in the side we have got a few options.

Brian Clough

GOLDEN GOALS

GERRY RYAN (for Brighton) v Manchester City
League Division One, Goldstone Ground,
Brighton, December 29, 1979.

Of all the goals Gerry Ryan will score this season he'll certainly remember this one . . . and so will Manchester City boss Malcolm Allison, but not for the same reasons.

Ryan had the home crowd in raptures as he ran with the ball from well inside his own half before flicking the ball past the despairing Joe Corrigan.

It all started when City's Willie Donachie - trying to set up an attack on the Brighton goal - played a loose ball forward which was picked up by Brighton's Ray Clarke.

Clarke fed the ball to midfielder Ryan - helping out in defence - and he began his amazing solo run.

"I suppose I must have been about ten yards outside our own box when I started going forward," said the Eire international.

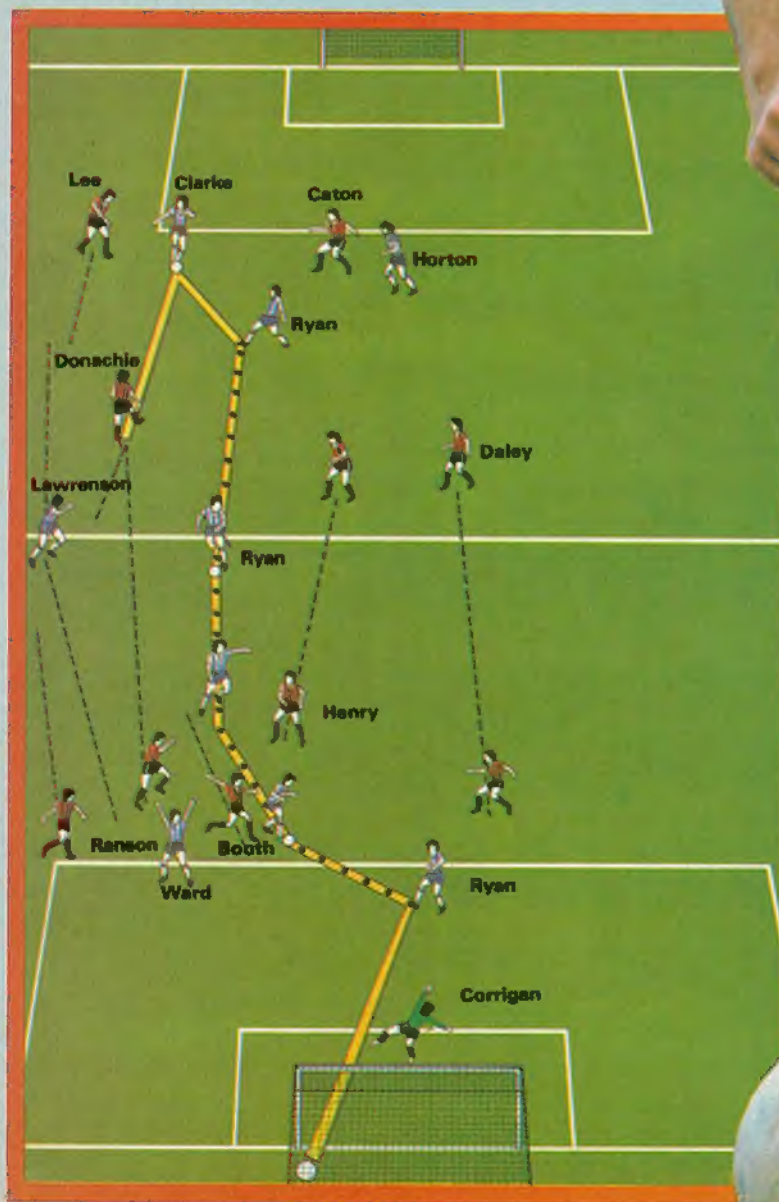
"Just around the half-way line Mark Lawrenson made a run down the right and I came inside.

"Then Wardy (Peter Ward) made a run across me and that left me on the edge of their box, one against one.

"I thought about passing it on a couple of occasions, but the gaps just seemed to keep opening up, but then everything seemed to go right that day.

"Every time we attacked we looked like scoring. It was certainly one of the best I have scored although I got one from an overhead kick in my first international against West Germany last summer and that was a great feeling."

There was certainly nothing to please Manchester City that day as they went down 4-1.





AND TO T SECO LEG



Centre: Trevor Francis (left) and Ray Kennedy (centre) get a close-up on one of Peter Shilton's tremendous saves at the City Ground

Top left: Forest fans held their breath – but John Robertson made no mistake with his fast-minute penalty

Bottom left: Two famous Swindon attackers, Chris Kamara (8) and Andy Rowland (10) get back this time to help repel a Wolves attack.



THE ROUND

Swindon Town (1) 2
Rowland (13) Mayes (87)

Nottingham Forest (0) 1,
Robertson (pen, 90)

LEAGUE CUP



Semi-final: First Legs.



SO THE END

Top right: Somewhere in that triangle of Wolves' players, Willie Carr (left), Andy Gray (back to camera) and John Richards, is Swindon's brave goalkeeper, Jimmy Allan.

Bottom right: All action at the Liverpool end as big Larry Lloyd rises highest of all. Also there are, left to right, Phil Thompson, Trevor Francis, Jimmy Case and Ian Bowyer.

SO FAR

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Daniel (22)
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Liverpool (0) 0
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BILEY v CROOKS

Biley's the most exciting finisher I've worked with

ALAN Biley will be like a breath of fresh air to Derby.

Knowing the manager Colin Addison as I do I'm sure he'll be well pleased to have got him for £400,000, and I'm also sure that Alan will do a good job at the Baseball Ground.

This comparison with Garth Crooks, the exciting Stoke forward is of particular interest to me because they're two young strikers with bright futures in the game.

In fact, I was in a mind to buy Biley for Albion just before he joined Derby. When I was in charge at Cambridge he was with me and I'll tell you this, he was the most exciting finisher I have ever worked with in training, finding the target he was superb.

I would like to have brought him to the Albion, but I already had three strikers and I couldn't afford to take another. I gave it a lot of thought but at the end of the day I had to miss him.

Biley's greatest asset is his athleticism, his pace and his mobility. He's a natural goal-scorer who relies on movement to create his goals. Garth Crooks is also a tremendously mobile player, relies on touch control and on beating people in tight spaces to score a goal.

Biley lives off other players, the way Phil Boyer operates at Southampton. Likes players to put the ball into space to go in for himself. He's probably only 5ft 9in, but tremendous in the air, a magnificent springer and often defenders are surprised by the height he achieves when he goes for crosses.

Crooks, probably because he's a smaller guy is not quite so effective in the air, but now looks to be putting his game together and looks totally involved. Certainly, he punished us, inasmuch as with a well-taken hat-trick.

I'm not sure what I consider to be Crooks' best position? At present he plays off big striker, Callaghan but sometimes he gives me the impression he could be a very good wide player — like the style of Laurie Cunningham. He has the ability to be used like this.

Biley has a tremendous shot on his right foot and likes to hit a ball early and he has scored some of the most spectacular volleyed goals I've seen in years. That's one of his assets, he scores spectacular goals. At Cambridge, I tried to get him to pick up a few more scruffy goals. This is where Crooks is devastating. He scores the majority of his goals from close range.

Ball control is a department where Biley's got to brush up on for consistency. He can be erratic with his control, then absolutely devastating but, basically, he needs to get more consistent.

Crooks is very skilful. His control seldom lets him down. He's got that natural touch that



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coloured players appear to have and that is his biggest strength.

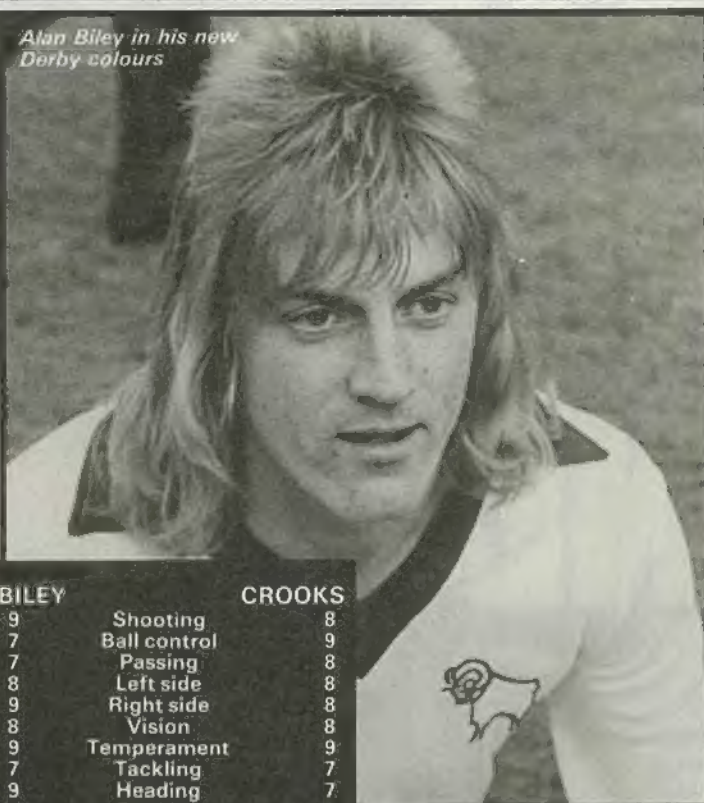
Crooks drops deep and takes part in more combination passing plays but one of Biley's great assets is when he works wide. Occasionally he can deliver very good crosses into the box with either foot. He's a tremendous crosser of the ball on the run. However, with regard to passing Crooks has the edge.

Biley's best side is his right and I'll give him nine there but he's comfortable on the left — eight for that. Crooks, is one of those players who seems to always have the ball in front of him. I'll give him eight on both.

Both sometimes come up with a great surprise pass and that could constitute vision. They're both aware of what's around them, so eight apiece for vision.

Neither of them are great tacklers. When they're playing

Alan Biley in his new Derby colours



Garth Crooks... devastating finisher from close range for Stoke City.



BILEY		CROOKS
9	Shooting	8
7	Ball control	9
7	Passing	8
8	Left side	8
9	Right side	8
8	Vision	8
9	Temperament	9
7	Tackling	7
9	Heading	7
10	Stamina	9
9	Speed	9
9	Teamwork	9
101	TOTAL	99
120	Maximum	120

well, they both hustle and harry. It would not be a strength in either's game but for heading Biley would score. He's absolutely superb in the air, as I've said earlier. I see Biley winning the aerial duel 9-7.

Biley's got good stamina, he gets ten from me. He can do it in training. Crooks runs all over the place, he hasn't a problem. I'll give him a high nine.

Crooks might be just a fraction sharper in speed. They're both bright, so nine apiece for speed and on the evidence of what I've seen they both appear to play for the side. So nine each for that too.

It's a fascinating comparison of two young stars, who have a great responsibility to bring their respective teams out of the doldrums of the relegation zone and back into the big-time.

See you soon...

Ken Hutchinson

Sheffield United skipper Mick Speight on life in the Third Division . . .

'We feel like gate-crashers at a private party'

SHEFFIELD United are spotlighted by reporter Paul Stratton this week in part two of the Sheffield story. Last week Wednesday manager Jack Charlton and 'Owls club captain Jimmy Mullen publicly aired their views and hopes.

Now read what United manager Harry Haslam and Blades' skipper Mick Speight have to say . . . along with comments from fans of both sides.

TEAMS are playing "out of their skins" in an effort to beat Sheffield United declares team skipper Mick Speight.

"Everyone wants to beat us because we are just out of the Second Division. At times it's like being at a private party and finding we have gate-crashed without bringing any booze."

At the time he was speaking, United — top for so long this season — had lost some of the sharpness associated with their 'Blades' nickname.

But they were still top. "And that's the pleasing fact," said Speight. "Although we won only one of our last eight matches we didn't slip down the table."

"We are still looking for consistency. At times the team has been firing in all cylinders for ten minutes and then having a relapse."

"To be honest the promotion race is any three from ten. But we have found it a very funny division to play in."

Speight describes United's decline as a "riches to rags" story.

"We've got players here who have been used to First Division football, but we had a playing staff that was getting old together. The club couldn't find the class players to replace them and after finishing sixth in Division One we went down to the Second Division the next season."

"To be honest I think that ever since John Harris left as manager, the club has lacked something. I think motivation

and self-respect has gone a bit."

"But we've got some good youngsters here for the future but one of the best players in the side from my point of view is Tony Kenworthy. He's quick, aggressive, his heading's good and for me he's one of the best defenders outside the First Division."

The friendly 28-year-old Speight has played in seven different positions on the park for United this season and he's not convinced whether that's good or bad.

"It's a different world in a new position. You see the game from a whole new angle."

People say that it's good to be able to play anywhere, but my wife says I should be able to hold down one position. Basically as long as I am playing I will play anywhere and I don't want to leave Sheffield United as long as I feel I am doing a good job for the boss."

So what about United's chances this season in the Third Division, top for so long but can they hold on?

"I think we have a good chance of getting out this season. Teams graft a bit more in this division. It's difficult for players who still remember playing at places like Anfield to

get excited about a game at somewhere like Bury."

"They can be beaten before they play the game," says Speight, who feels that it is tremendously important for the team to achieve promotion this year.

"If it doesn't happen this year there's the possibility we could struggle for a few years and we could become just another Third Division club."

"We need to start winning again and we will be all right. We get tremendous support from our fans at home and away and the good thing is there is no major trouble."

"We must be averaging about 14,000 for home games and that gate on Boxing Day at Hillsborough really amazed me — it had me wondering where they all came from. The potential in Sheffield is fantastic and I'd love to see both us and Wednesday go up this year."

"If there's any sign of success people want to come back and watch football again. Even though we got beaten on Boxing Day the crowds were up the next week."

"I'm sure the city could support two First Division teams again — we would have completely packed houses."

"I'll give you an example of our supporters. I know of one kid who was travelling down for our away game on the coach when it broke down. He got a taxi and the day cost him over £100 — just about all the money he owned. That's brilliant."



UNITED IN ACTION . . . Barnsley's Gary Pierce turns a shot from young defender Tony Kenworthy away to safety. Striker Jeff Bourne waits to pounce.

●MATCH WEEKLY's special report on Sheffield football continues on the next two pages



It's going to be one hell of a fight but . . .

'We're on our way back'-HASLAM

United manager Harry Haslam – "Doing all we can to give the club and its supporters success"

THERE was a strange mixture of uncertainty, excitement and anger in the voices of the small group of young players eager to see the boss.

Just a few hours earlier they had discovered they were on the transfer list and they were each coming to terms with the fact in their different ways.

The teenage hopefuls had found out the hard way – by reading it in the local paper and Sheffield United manager Harry Haslam wasn't pleased about the premature 'leak' to the Press.

Undoubtedly there would have been better days to question Haslam about his hopes for United and the future of Sheffield football.

He was coming to the end of a tiring week – even by a manager's standards – and the 'transfer-list' saga had provoked a barrage of phone calls and visitors to his office.

But Haslam appeared to be taking it all in the up-and-down course that football is bound to lead. The sign on his desk still read 'Smile! Happy Boss'.

"One story said the players had been put on the list to help pay for the new stand – that's rubbish

"It was the kind of list that is always being circulated among the clubs. The reason for doing it now is to give the lads

concerned a better chance of finding something rather than wait for the rush at the end of the season. Believe me there will be a rush of players on the market then," said Haslam.

He lit another cigarette in his already smoke-filled office, smiled, cast aside the problems of the day for a few minutes and dutifully warmed to the question of Sheffield's

TWENTY-year-old David Probyn has only missed three away games all season. He says: "Both us and United are doing well, but I'm just hoping that we go up. The support is great – when we went to Wimbledon we took 4,000. I couldn't believe the score on Boxing Day – I think it was the best we have played."

footballing decline and the hopes for the future.

"The team was in the First Division when the new stand was put in. Then United were relegated and the club lost a lot of revenue. Then came the selling of players to re-coup money to pay the bills.

"The club has debts of about £1 million and it is a problem which comes up in the conversations about buying or selling players, but it's not a thing you worry about all day every day.

"It did bring about a sliding effect however and we have

had to fight that. The supporters found that decline hard to accept, but you can't grumble about the support we get – the fans have never really lost that power and drive for soccer.

"Our hope now is to set a basis which will provide the day for success to return. We are playing for that and the board, the players and everyone concerned have, I think, gone a long way towards that day," said Haslam.

Demand

He's in no doubt that the biggest advert for Sheffield football – and indeed football in the Third Division – was the near 50,000 crowd for the United v Wednesday match at Hillsborough on Boxing Day. It's an attendance figure that could well be repeated at Bramall Lane in April when the two clubs meet again.

"That day proved the city is interested in football. It is understandable that the people of Sheffield demand success.

"And although I have never said that we are going to win the championship we have spent a long time at the top of the table

"We have had an indifferent spell, but if we can get it together again confidence will breed confidence once more.

"I wouldn't know what to do with my Saturday afternoons if I didn't support Wednesday," said 21-year-old Richard Whiteley. "I live in a United stronghold area of Sheffield, but Wednesday are the only team – it will be great if they go up."

United fan Frank Aspinall countered: "I'd love to see United get promotion this season and I think they will. But they must watch the cautions on the field.

"There's a lot of interest in football in the city. You are either one thing or the other – blue and white or red and white."

Added United fan David Woodhead: "You are born supporting one or the other. My father was a United fan and all my family are. I think individually United have the players to go up this season."

"It's all still very open and it's a very competitive division, but I think this area in general will be very much in contention at the end of the season.

"We knew we would need a bit of metal – I think Swindon and Grimsby proved that in the cup competitions – but we are not a physical side.

"The Third Division is quick. In the Second, players get an extra yard and in the First, an extra two. You have to have that little bit of steel, but not without skill.

"It would be nice for us to get back into the Second in one jump and while we remain near the top then OK.

"But it's still going to be one hell of a fight and although there's plenty of work still to be done, we will be doing all we can to give the club and its supporters success."

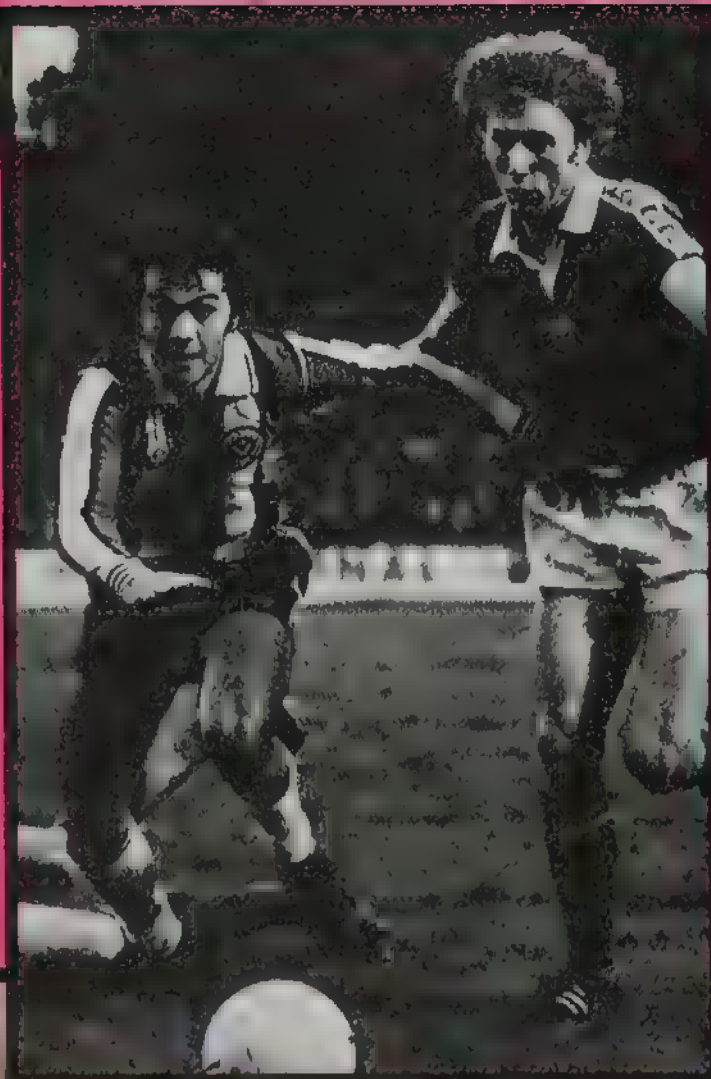
United's Bramall Lane ground could see a 49,000 capacity crowd in April for the clash with Wednesday.



WEDNESDAY supporter Robert Ward (24): "I always used to travel to away games but I suppose I average about ten each season now – I'd go to them all if the wife would let me. I think the support now is as good as it's ever been and we are definitely going up this season. Terry Curran is our match-winner – he's brilliant."



SHEFFIELD UNITED 1979-80



BACK ROW (left to right) Carr Coldwell (coach), Tony Moore, Len de Goey, John McPhail, Barry Butlin, Steve Conroy, John Matthews, Steve Finneston, Craig Renwick, John Cutbush, Geoff Goodall (physiotherapist)

FRONT ROW (left to right) John Flood, Duggie Brown, Pedro Verde, Tony Kenworthy, Danny Bergara (assistant manager), Harry Haslam (manager), Mick Speight, Les Tibbott, Paul Garner, Ian Benjamin (now with West Bromwich Albion), Missing: Alex Sabella, Derek Richardson, Viv Busby (on from Stoke)

INSET: Alex Sabella, United's dashing Argentinian midfield player – a key figure in the Blades' promotion push.

The Huddersfield flyer

zooms on

Britain's fastest footballer tips Town for promotion



THE quickest man in football only arrived in the Fourth Division six weeks ago – but he's aiming to get out as fast as his legs will carry him.

Steve Kindon signed on for Huddersfield Town convinced he'll be playing Third Division football at the start of next season. And he's prepared to put his reputation as a forecaster on the line.

Kindon, who was the last winner of the contest to find Great Britain's fastest footballer, told *MATCH WEEKLY*: "When I joined Burnley for the second time in November, 1977, I was widely quoted as saying that I had come to join a Second Division club – not one heading for the Third.

"People laughed at me because Burnley were rooted to the table with only five points – and were five points adrift of the next team! But, as I predicted, we did not go down.

"It's the same at Huddersfield. The set-up here is very, very good, we've a useful side and we're definitely heading upwards."

Few people would decry Kindon a taste of glory. He was never given the chance to prove himself at Wolverhampton Wanderers and then, circumstances forced him to move from Burnley.

Kindon's strength – chasing long balls towards goal – were effectively made redundant by a change in the team's tactics.

He explains: "When we signed Martin Dobson at the beginning of the season everything went through him and our build-ups were slow because that's the way Martin plays."

"I pointed out at team meetings that this was no good to me. In fact in three consecutive games I only received one long ball to chase.

"It would be like having Kenny Dalglish in the team and banging long balls to the corner for him to run after.

"They kept telling me things would change. But nothing did, so eventually I asked for my name to be circularised among other clubs.

"I had the opportunity to go to America but this would have

proved disruptive to the family so I was delighted to move to Huddersfield. I've settled in well and fortunately the team pattern is such that it fits into my style of play.

"We have a deep-lying left-winger in David Cowling so there's room for me to chase the balls down that side of the pitch. And because my strike partner, Ian Robins, likes the ball into his feet we form a contrasting combination."

So often was Kindon in and out of the Wolves' team that he's nearly played as many times for his new club as he did at Molineux!

In fact in one season with Wolves he donned the number 12 shirt 23 times – seven more than the number of games he actually started. One particular occasion still rankles with him. "I stood in for Derek Dougan in a game at West Ham. I scored our two goals in the 2–2 draw – both from runs begun in my own half.

"Yet when the team-sheet was pinned up for the following game Dougan was back and I was once more on the bench.

"I don't want to make out that the clubs are always wrong and I'm right but I feel that Wolves didn't make the best use of me.

"Bill McGarry said he wanted to groom me for 18 months until Derek Dougan retired. But it wasn't until three-and-a-half years later that Derek packed in and with a recognised front three it was very difficult for me to make my mark."

Although his appearances in the famous gold and black shirts were limited Kindon certainly left his stamp on the team's supporters who still remember him with affection.

At times Kindon seemed too fast for his own good. Many was the occasion he outstripped his opponents only to find his speed had carried him far and away in front of his team-mates and his pass went uncollected.

The Burnley followers still savour a humorous story from his first spell at Turf Moor. The team employed former Olympic sprinter Malcolm Yardley to boost their speed off the mark.

"He started off sprinting and talking to us at the same time. I was at the front talking back to him," Kindon chuckled.

LEFT. Steve Kindon – convinced he'll be playing Third Division football next season.

Vote-catcher Bailey!

WHO WILL be the professional footballers' Player of the Year?

That's the question being discussed in dressing rooms by professional players up and down the country right now as the voting forms arrive this week for lads like me to select our own particular favourites.

Last year it was 'Chippy' Brady of Arsenal, but this year I've a sneaking feeling the award will go to a Liverpool player for the first time.

I don't know who it will be I'm not even going to tell you who I'm going to vote for - but everyone's talking about Liverpool wherever you go and I'm pretty sure it will be reflected in who gets the award.

In the past the award has been the butt of a lot of criticism from various people, chiefly the national press who see it as a rival to their own Sports Writers choice which, unlike ours, doesn't attract live television coverage.

There has been some confusion, too, among players as to whether the award takes into account the year from

Liverpool to provide the Players' player but Gary's the pick of the youngsters

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January to December or just the current season up to the New Year.

This probably explains why Liverpool players have never figured in the P.F.A. awards, rarely are Liverpool into their stride before the end of January, so players have tended to vote for players in teams that have outshone the Anfield boys in the first part of the season.

However, when the season's end and is in sight this is when Liverpool really begin to play at their best and, consequently, they have been to the fore in the Writers' title - their player is picked at then end of the season to follow Peter Shilton, Norman Hunter, Pat Jennings, Kenny Burns, Andy Gray and Liam Brady in the past.

For other individual players you have to look at the Liverpool team, and you can choose anyone from 11 and still justify your selection.

This column is beginning to sound like a Liverpool appreciation society but there is no escaping the fact that Liverpool and good football go together.

As for the Young Player of the Year, for me there can only be one for this - and that's our own Gary Bailey.

We're up there at the top, but Gary has figured prominently in a lot of our games this season making a string of breathtaking saves. Gary, is the first to admit he has a lot to learn but at his present rate of progress, I'll bet he will become an England fixture for several years.

While I'm on the subject of awards I would like to add my congratulations to the players past and present who recently won the newly introduced loyalty awards. It is hard for a footballer to sacrifice financial gain for loyalty considering he has such a short career on which to build the rest of his life. So all credit to the players who have done this.

While selecting our top player and best young player - which I'll come on to later - we also name our First Division select side and with Liverpool hitting the front early, I expect to see a large representation from Anfield in the final line up.

But outside Liverpool, one player who must be a contender for the individual award is Glenn Hoddle of Spurs. Glenn is having a great season, scoring regularly and after our Third Round replay with Spurs, saving a few as well!

At United we were bitterly



Glenn Hoddle - in line for Player of the Year, judged by fellow professionals

disappointed to go out of the F.A. Cup that night especially as we'd done all the spadework by getting Spurs back to Old Trafford for a replay. Almost everybody had an off day at the same time. Normally at least one player produces the spark that will turn a game for us, but on this occasion, we waited but nothing happened.

I tell you, heads were low after the game, and the following day, but we managed to snap out of it and get a valuable point at Middlesbrough, which cheered us up. We can concentrate on the League now, although it's never the same as having a Cup run to keep you and the fans on your toes.

Getting back to the awards, another player who springs to mind is Phil Boyer of Southampton. He's setting a cracking pace as leading scorer in the First Division even though all but a couple of his goals have been scored at The Dell, this is still a very fine achievement which should be recognised.

Gary Bailey - his breathtaking saves have made him my tip for 'Young Player of the Year'



Ask us

GLENN BANCROFT, of Audenshaw, Manchester, asks:

WHICH player in the Football League has served the most number of years with one club. How many years did he serve?

● *The longest spell at one club was served by Ted Sagar, the former England goalkeeper, who was with Everton from February, 1929 to May, 1953 — more than 24 years.*

PHILIP LEE, of Morley, Leeds, asks:

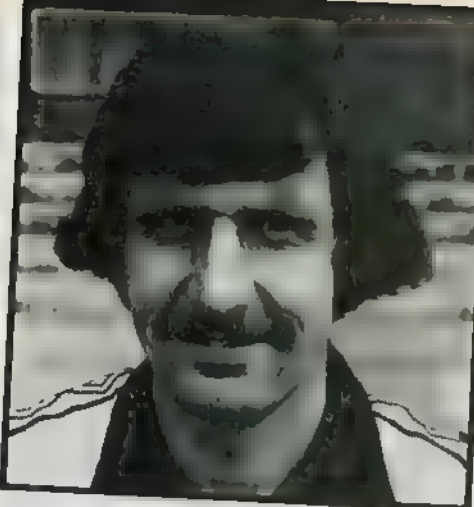
HAS there ever been a Third or Fourth Division team who won the F.A. Cup. If so, who and when and who scored the goals?

● *No Third or Fourth Division team has ever won the F.A. Cup, Philip.*

ROBERT JOHNSON, of Binley Woods, Coventry, asks:

MY brother tells me that before Leeds United were formed they were called Leeds City. Could you please tell me if this is true and, if so, could you tell me why they didn't keep the name Leeds City?

● *Leeds City were expelled from the League and wiped out of existence early in October, 1919, as a punishment for making irregular war-time payments to players. There was a maximum pay-packet of 30 shillings and Leeds City exceeded it. Port Vale were elected to take their place and fulfilled Leeds' remaining 34 fixtures in the Second Division. In the following January a new club — the present-day Leeds United — was formed. They played in the Midland League for the rest of the season, but were admitted to the Second Division of the Football League the following season. They were two entirely separate clubs but United played, and still do, at Elland Road — the home of Leeds City.*



Peterborough United's Alan Slough — a hat-trick of penalties against Chester in 1978.

MARK LIGHTOWLER, of Beverley, N. Humberside, asks:

HAS ANYONE ever scored a hat-trick of penalties in a match and, if so, who and which teams were taking part?

● *FIVE players have achieved this feat since the end of the last war Mark. They are George Milburn (Chesterfield) v Sheffield Wednesday, June, 1947; Charlie Mitten (Manchester United) v Aston Villa in March, 1950; Joe Willets (Hartlepool) v Darlington in March, 1951; Trevor Anderson (Swindon) v Walsall in April, 1976; Alan Slough (Peterborough) v Chester in April, 1978.*

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COME on all you football experts — let's see what you are like at match predictions.

I have suggested a possible scoreline for each match in the weekend's League programme — you must use your football knowledge to come up with your own scorelines.

There's a space for you to fill in your own forecast and a further space for the actual result. Then at 5 o'clock on Saturday you can find out who got the most right.

Friday, February 1
Division Four

	Match predicts	You predict	Result
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Rochdale v Torquay Utd	0-1	—	—

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earns for Goodison glory

PROUD father Bill Eastoe looks forward to Everton's tough away game at Molineux on Saturday with more relish than most 'Blues' fans . . . scrapbook at the ready.

Nothing would make him happier than to see his soccer-playing son Peter grab the headlines and so provide a precious cutting for his collection.

For it was at Wolverhampton - In the days of Bill McGarry and Derek Dougan - that Peter made his professional debut.

And his father has kept his own homely record of his son's progress ever since . . . as well as travelling all over the country to watch him play.

Peter himself - a 26-year-old striker cum midfielder now in his second season at Goodison Park - returns to his first footballing home with mixed feelings.

For although he still remembers signing pro terms with Wanderers as a 'dream come true' he hardly made a dream start in the professional world . . . playing just four full first-team games before departing on loan to Swindon.

"Mind you there were some good players around at the time like John Richards, Derek Dougan and Steve Daley.

"I played with Steve and John in the youth team at Wolves. Barry Powell was also there then. We had a good youth squad," recalled Peter.

But the move to Swindon which eventually became permanent turned out well for the young Eastoe and he went on to score 48 goals.

Following that display he was snapped up by Queen's Park Rangers - then flying high in

Peter Eastoe . . . homeward bound with Everton to the Black Country.

STRATTON on Saturday

MATCH writer Paul Stratton takes a look at the weekend's soccer menu previewing some of the most interesting ties and focuses on one player whose Saturday will be that bit more special than most.



the First Division - for whom he made 43 appearances before travelling north to Everton as a £250,000 player just inside last season's transfer deadline.

Now Eastoe is eager to help bring long-awaited honours back to Goodison - scene of so much glory in the past.

"I feel I probably didn't get too much of a chance in the early days at Wolves, but looking back the move from there did me good. However, I might have still been there now if things had worked out differently.

"But I always had belief in myself and so did my family and friends and I'm glad that I have proved them right in the end.

"When I moved to Everton I knew I couldn't better the club - they are one of the top set-ups.

"But the club needs success - especially being so close to Liverpool and all they have achieved. We need to win trophies.

"There's still something about this club that makes you fancy them for honours and I reckon we are a good bet for the F.A. Cup this year.

"The team was a bit unsettled at the start of the season - the gaffer, Gordon Lee, dropped

one or two players to try and find the right team and one or two others got injured. Our away form has not been so clever and generally our form in the League has been no where near good enough.

"Andy King, Brian Kidd and Bob Latchford have been scoring, but I feel we ought to have been scoring a few more from midfield.

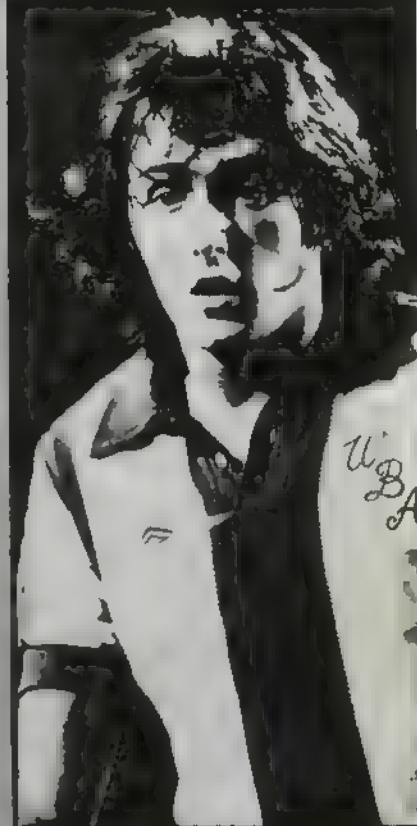
"However, I think we will improve the game against Wolves on Saturday will be a tough one and I'd settle for a draw as the result although obviously I'd love to play on the winning side at Molineux.

"The strikers on both sides are going to be the most important men on the day and we know all about Gray and Richards."

The last word comes from 'dad', who still lives at Tamworth where Peter was born: "I shall certainly be there on Saturday - it'll be like a home game for me!"

Several players face their old team-mates on Saturday - Peter Barnes and Gary Owen facing a double return home to Maine Road, with their new club West Bromwich Albion.

City keen to avenge a heavy defeat at the Hawthorns earlier this season, will show no



Gerry Owen . . . hoping for a happy return to Maine Road, with Peter Barnes.

charity, nor will Gerry Daly, of Derby, whose old club Manchester United are the visitors.

Other well known names hoping for happy returns to their former clubs include John Burridge (Palace), David Jones (Norwich), Gerry Payton (Fulham), and Graham Bell (Oldham), while entertaining their old mates are Bryan Robson (Sunderland) and Ian Pears (Exeter).

Saturday, February 2

Division One

Aston Villa v C. Palace	2-0
Bolton v Coventry	1-1
Derby v Man. Utd	1-2
Ipswich v Brighton	2-2
Liverpool v Leeds	3-0
Man. City v W.B.A.	1-0
Middlesbrough v Arsenal	0-0
Nottingham F. v Norwich	2-1
Stoke v Bristol City	1-1
Tottenham v Southampton	3-2
Wolves v Everton	2-1

Division Two

Bristol R. v Cambridge Utd	1-2
Burnley v Fulham	3-0
Cardiff C. v Watford	1-1
Charlton v Birmingham	0-2
Chelsea v Shrewsbury	1-1
Leicester v Newcastle	1-0
Luton T. v Notts County	2-0
Orient v Wrexham	0-0
Preston N.E. v Oldham A.	3-1
Q.P.R. v Swansea C.	2-2
Sunderland v West Ham	1-0

Division Three

Barnsley v Sheffield Utd.	1-2
Carlisle Utd. v Reading	1-0
Chester v Gillingham	2-0
Chesterfield v Swindon T.	2-2
Exeter C. v Millwall	3-1
Grimsby T. v Brentford	2-1
Hull C. v Bury	0-0
Oxford Utd. v Mansfield T.	3-0
Rotherham v Blackpool	1-0
Sheffield Wed. v Colchester	1-1
Southend v Blackburn	0-1
Wimbledon v Plymouth	0-2

Division Four

Bournemouth v Stockport	0-0
Aldershot v Darlington	2-1
Bradford v Newport	2-2
Doncaster v Lincoln	2-0
Hartlepool v Walsall	1-1
Hereford v Halifax T.	1-0
Huddersfield v Scunthorpe	5-1
Northampton v Port Vale	2-0
Portsmouth v Tranmere	3-0
York v Wigan	1-1

Scottish Premier

Celtic v St. Mirren	3-1
Dundee v Aberdeen	1-1
Kilmarnock v Rangers	0-0
Morton v Dundee Utd.	2-0
Partick T. v Hibernian	1-0

Division One

Airdrie v Clydebank	4-1
Arbroath v Stirling A.	0-0
Berwick R. v Dumbarton	0-1
Dunfermline v Ayr	1-0
Hearts v Raith Rovers	2-0
Motherwell v Hamilton A.	2-2
St. Johnstone v Clyde	2-0

Division Two

Albion R. v East Stirling	1-2
Alloa v Meadowbank T.	3-0
Brechin C. v Montrose	2-0
East Fife v Stenhousemuir	0-0
Falkirk v Cowdenbeath	4-0
Queen o' South v Queen's Pk	1-0
Stranraer v Forfar A.	0-1

WILLIE McFaul is the man most likely to follow Danny Blanchflower as Northern Ireland's new team chief - and public reaction to that will probably be: "Who?"

But not in Newcastle. The former United goalkeeper, now chief coach at St. James' Park, is held in high regard by manager Bill McGarry, his players and Newcastle's staunch fans.

Ex-United manager Joe Harvey signed Willie from Linfield for £8,000 13 years ago. He played over 350 games, was in the European Fairs Cup-winning team of 1969 and an F.A. Cup finalist five years later.

Although he had ten years with the Northern Ireland squad he collected only six international caps - yet that is one of the reasons why he may soon become an international soccer boss.

It is not as Irish as it may seem. On the contrary, the logic is spelled out in a word... loyalty.

Northern Ireland officials have not forgotten his acceptance of being second man to Pat Jennings; his willingness to sit on the subs' bench, carry the skip and clean out the dressing room.

They have also checked his king-size contribution to Newcastle's climb towards a promotion success this season.

It resulted in McFaul being placed joint top of their list of perspective managers alongside Terry Neill, but the Arsenal chief has now opted out.

Northern Ireland president Harry Cavan has now confirmed that McFaul is favourite for the job but adds there are others in with a chance.

They include former Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham, Manchester United's Harry Gregg, Carlisle coach Martin Harvey and Swindon's Bryan Hamilton.

McFaul has conceded he would achieve a life's ambition if he got the job but there is a problem. The Ireland managership is part-time and Bill McGarry has mixed feelings about it. He says: "It's a tremendous tribute to Willie if he is offered it but I don't particularly like the idea of him doing two jobs."

"Willie has an important role to play at Newcastle and I would be sorry to see him go."

Terry Neill had the same problem and has now committed himself totally to Arsenal. McFaul may now be forced to make a similar decision.

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BLACKPOOL who have transferred Irish international striker Derek Spence to Southend United are now in the market for Ballymena United forward Sammy McQuiston. His club-mate Tony McCall could be Fulham bound shortly Manager Bobby Campbell is to assess the player prelude to putting in an offer.



Berwick boost

BERWICK Rangers are the latest Scottish League club to be planning improvements for their fans. With bigger crowds coming now that they are in the First Division the Shieldfield Park board are to provide seating in the covered enclosure and also improve the wing stand seats.

'No' to switch

CLYDE manager Craig Brown turned down a request from Rangers to switch their Scottish Cup-tie from Shawfield to the more spacious Ibrox Stadium.

Quipped Craig: "I don't mind going to Ibrox... for a replay!"

George Best... playing in the dark blue of Scotland?

Best in blue!

GEORGE Best wearing the dark blue of Scotland - now there's a thought!

It could happen when the Scottish League play a double-header against Eire in Dublin on March 15. And Northern Ireland in Belfast on March 8.

The Irish officials first suggested the idea to the Scots with an eye on Best's crowd-pulling ability.

The Scots will be without the Celtic players who are involved in the European Cup second-leg against Real Madrid.

Derek steps forward

FROM promising full back to highly promising striker. That is the big step for Aberdeen youngster Derek Hamilton.

With Joe Harper injured and Mark McGhee failing to find the form the Dons expected, manager Alex Ferguson switched Hamilton up front along with Steve Archibald.

Says Fergie: "He has a lot to learn but the signs are encouraging - especially the way he played in the recent match against Rangers."

Hamilton, slight but razor sharp, looks uncannily like Frank McGarvey - a Ferguson discovery for St. Mirren before his transfer to Liverpool. Another McGarvey will do the Dons nicely.

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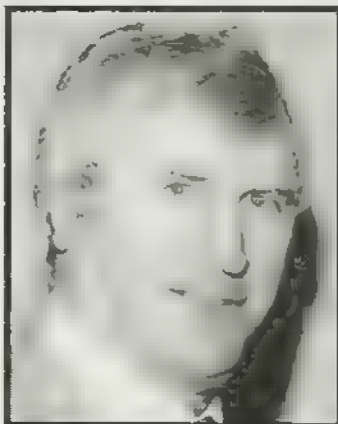
DUNDEE manager Tommy Gemmell has appointed Jock Scott (31) as the new club coach to succeed Willie Wallace who has emigrated to Australia. Scott has spent 14 years of his 17 years as a professional player at Dens Park. He was three years with Aberdeen but returned to Dundee and helped them win promotion to the Scottish Premier Division. He hasn't played for sometime now because of a back injury.

Wallace speaks out

JOCK Wallace was not amused and when he's in that frame of mind then he doesn't care who knows it.

The big man was in Scotland recently breathing fire about suggestions that he had left Rangers short of good young players who should be top-team material.

"I resent that bitterly," boomed the Leicester City boss. "When I left Rangers it was after signing youngsters like John MacDonald, Gordon Dalziel, Steve Richardson plus Bobby Russell and Davie Cooper."



Jock Wallace... denies leaving Rangers in the lurch.

"In all my time in football I've been concerned about young players and in fact have staked my reputation on them, not only with Rangers, but also with Leicester."

The average age of the present City side is as low as any in England.

Wallace, who won every honour going in his time at Ibrox, was one of the most popular managers with the hard to please Scottish Press.

His staccato, down-to-earth style was not what good copy is made of but when it came to downright honesty he was in a class of his own.

City watch Parlane

RANGERS' transfer-seeking striker Derek Parlane has been attracting the attention of Bristol City.

Parlane, who is 26, has played 11 times for Scotland but has been out of the Ibrox first-team since a £170,000 transfer with Olympic Marseilles broke down at the end of last season. With Bristol showing interest he may now get the move he so desperately wants.

Bristol boss Alan Dicks has also been in touch with Aberdeen about international sweeper Willie Miller who is reckoned to be worth around £300,000.



Andy Lynch... making way for Alan Sneddon in Celtic's clash with Real.

BRUCE THE BOSS

Scottish clubs eye up Rioch

BRUCE Rioch, the Derby County midfielder star who skipped Scotland to a place in the 1978 World Cup finals, could get the chance to launch his career as a manager with a Premier League club.

Rioch, currently in dispute with his club and available for £25,000, reckons he has two years left as a player. After that he wants to become a coach.

However, the 32-year-old Aldershot born son of Scottish parents may get the chance of combining the two by returning to the land of his father's as a player-manager.

Despite the traumas surrounding Scotland's performance in South America, Rioch is still very popular North of the border. In 24 internationals under Willie Ormond and Ally MacLeod the midfielder player with the explosive left-foot rarely had a

bad game. And with his strong and forthright personality he exerted considerable influence over the Scottish squad.

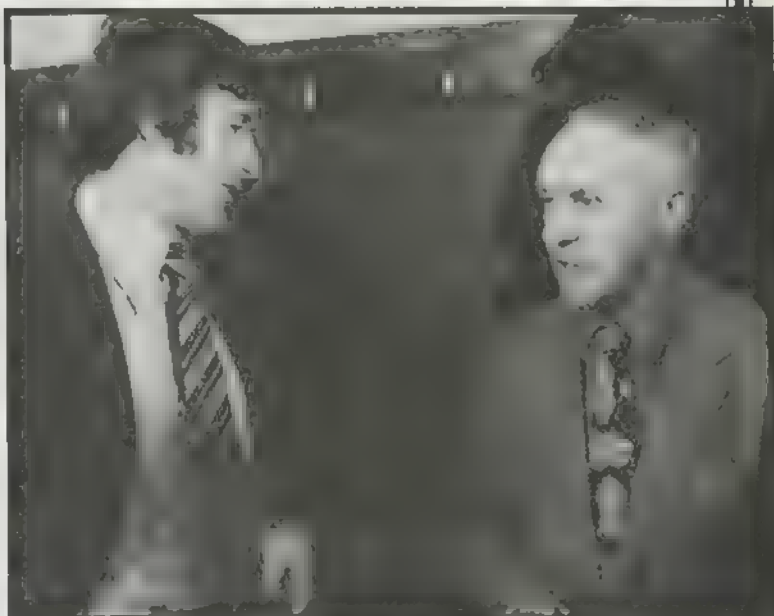
It is exactly these qualities which are now attracting a number of Scottish clubs who see the articulate Rioch as good managerial material.

"Right now I am prepared to explore every avenue," says Bruce. "I can go to America at any time but with a young family I would prefer to stay in Britain.

"I still think I have two good years as a back-four player and after that I want to move on to the coaching side.

"But if something comes up sooner then obviously I would look at it and I certainly would not close the door on Scotland if the right opportunity comes up."

By coincidence Rioch's name first came up when Hearts sacked his former Scotland boss Willie Ormond.



Bruce Rioch... looks set for a new career in management. Here he talks to Bill Shankly - and who better to go to for advice?

SNEDDON THE QUIET MAN OF CELTIC

ALAN Sneddon, the quiet man of Celtic Park, is keeping his fingers firmly crossed as he makes the European Cup quarter-final clash against Real Madrid in the Bernabeu Stadium.

The tall fair-haired 22-year-old full-back may have played over 30 first-team matches this season and in turn replaced Danny McGrain and Andy Lynch, but for all that he is taking nothing for granted.

"It will be a dream come true to play against a side like Real Madrid," says Alan.

"But don't forget I missed the last round against Dundalk because the boss thought the full-back pairing of McGrain and Lynch would be the most effective.

"I'll just wait and see what he has in mind for this one."

Sneddon, who joined Celtic from junior side Larkhall Thistle in 1977, was pitched straight into the side because of injury to Danny McGrain. He played 20 matches before dropping out in season 1978/79.

Since then he has forged back and is now a regular.

The experience of playing in the 120,000 capacity Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid will be a new one to all the Celtic players.



Danny McGrain... a place against Real Madrid?

with the exception of veteran Bobby Lennox, who scored in the testimonial for the legendary Alfredo di Stefano way back in 1967.

But before that comes the game at Celtic Park on March 5 - an all-ticket occasion with a limit of 67,000.

Dumbarton poised

DUMBARTON at last look as if they might just match their big time ambition with their achievements.

For after having spent £300,000 building a new grandstand and laying a new pitch at the unfortunately named Boghead they are poised for promotion to the Premier Division.

Manager Davie Wilson, a well known winger with Rangers and Scotland during the 1960s, is the man in charge of the operation.

He is optimistic that the pay off will come with a place in the Premier League.

It is not generally realised the scope of the changes being made at Dumbarton," he says. "The club aims to be one of the best in the West of Scotland and the fact that the board have ploughed so much back into the ground improvements proves that.

The cash has come from various sources but mostly from the transfer of strikers Ian Wallace to Coventry and Tom McAdam and John Bourke to Dundee United.

Thanks to a well organised scouting system, Dumbarton have not suffered all that much. The current side has eight players all under 21 with the experience being supplied by goalkeeper Laurie Williams, ex Celtic midfielder Pat McCluskey and defender John Gallacher, who joined the club from Hearts.



Lawrie Williams... supplying the experience at Dumbarton

"I'm especially pleased with the progress of young strikers Graeme Sharp and Raymond Blair," adds Wilson.

Sharp left school only a few months ago and with his height, he's six feet tall, he is the ideal target man.

Blair, who is 19, was signed on a 'S' form five years ago. He has a lot of pace and plays wide on either flank.

In addition to Wilson, the backroom staff at Boghead includes Alex Wright, who once managed the club, and Sean Fallon, who assisted Jock Stein when he was manager of Celtic. A formidable trio indeed!

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No finer points

IT seems that everybody is against the points system as it stands at the moment. But I think it's fine. If a team is away and defends for a goal-less draw then the home team should have enough sense to go forward in force. If this occurred entertaining football must surely result.

Craig Brown, Orpington, Kent

● The home teams do go forward Craig but more often than not there's no way through if the away team defends all the time.

A fishy tale from the Kop

A LOT has been said about violent, offensive crowds over the past few seasons but I'd like to relate an incident which occurred when Liverpool met Grimsby in the F.A. Cup.

About 2,000 Grimsby fans found their way into the Kop and I feared a mass fight. But the only 'fight' was with words.

The Grimsby fans began singing about fish and the Kop replied by singing about Phil Seal, Fillet Thompson, Sting-Ray Kennedy, Alan Haddock, Kenny Dogfish, Jimmy Plaice and Terry Mackerel. It was great for football. Where else would there have been the same reaction?

Adrian Cork, Formby, Liverpool

● Seems like the Scouse humour has come up trumps again.

Sympathetic

I AM writing about the controversial refereeing incidents during the Third Round F.A. Cup-tie between Stoke and Burnley at Turf Moor.

Although I felt sorry for Alan Durban's men I must also sympathise with referee Kevin McNally. I think his decision's were childish – especially the sending-off of Stoke defender Dennis Smith – but I give him ten out of ten for the way he took all the stick.

He didn't let the crowd or the players change his mind and in my opinion that is good refereeing.

Gary Martin, Lutterworth, Leics.

● It's nice to see applause for the 'ref' – even if you criticised him at the same time!

Bigger goals

I THINK that the goals should be widened by about two feet and made higher by about a foot. This way you would see more goals and after all that's what the fans go to see. I think you'd see an increase in people going to matches. Also you would see more spectacular goals driven in from 40 yards or so.

Ian Russell (13), Buckley, N. Wales

● Try telling that to Peter Shilton, Ray Clemence and Co., Ian!

TERRACE TALK

Seventies memories

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WHAT a decade the Seventies was for memorable players, teams and managers – full of incident, excitement and sadness.

The pathetic face captured on TV of Scotland's manager in Argentina, Ally MacLeod will never be forgotten. The fabulous Brazilian side which won the 1970 World Cup and the 1974 and 1978 World Cup players such as Cruyff, Beckenbauer, Muller – I will always remember them.

And I can still see the Hereford fans dashing on to the pitch after their non-League heroes had dumped First Division Newcastle out of the F.A. Cup and Sunderland's sensational Wembley win over Leeds United will go down in history as possibly the most emotional Wembley final of all time.

The domination by Liverpool was a tribute to the most professionally-organised club in Division One. Few could compete with them until the enigmatic Brian Clough took mediocre Nottingham Forest to the First Division championship, the League Cup and European Cup.

After the failure of England to qualify for the 1974 and 1978 World Cup finals, along came genial Ron Greenwood to plot England's path to the European Championship finals. Mr Greenwood restored England's pride at the end of the 70's. Let's hope we have as much excitement to look forward to in the 1980's.

John Diamond, Hebburn, Tyne and Wear

● What was the one highlight of the Seventies for other readers? We'd like to hear from you in not more than 50 words and we'll pay £10 for the best letter and £2 for others on the subject we publish. Write to Terrace Talk (Seventies), MATCH WEEKLY, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough, PE1 1UB.



This is the moment Scotland's hopes of World Cup glory took a dive. Don Masson's penalty kick is saved by Peru keeper Ramon Guirega in Scotland's opening game of the tournament, which they went on to lose 3-1.

Give Johnson a chance, Ron

I THINK David Johnson should be the England centre-forward. He has Bob Latchford's ability in the air and Trevor Francis'

skill on the ground.

Johnson has scored more goals this season than Francis and is playing brilliantly. Ron Greenwood please note!

Paul McCarthy (10), Brighton

● Our guess is that he's already taken note Paul

SOMETHING to say about the game of soccer – or about something you've read in this magazine? Then this is YOUR page. Write to Terrace Talk, MATCH WEEKLY, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough, PE1 1UB. Full names and addresses please, and your age if you don't mind telling us! Best letter of the week wins £10. Every other letter published – £2

Clarke's off the mark

ALLAN Clarke in his Leeds United days was an accurate striker but he's way off the mark with his call for the exclusion of non-League teams from the F.A. Cup.

Any move to eclipse the glamour and romance from the F.A.'s 'Lady Dream' trophy would hit all soccer's lesser mortals and would unquestionably deprive fans of the special atmosphere and excitement the Harlows, Yeovills, and Cheshams bring to the Cup.

Allan Clarke's Barnsley stand a chance of drawing Liverpool or Leatherhead in the Cup and that's the way it should stay. The F.A. Cup conjures its own magic – it needs no help from anyone.

Colin Brinton, Manningtree, Essex

● All we can say Colin is, 'hear, hear'.



"I'm only here for the frisking."

Ban the drink

IN REPLY to Roderick McLowie's letter about violence on and off the field in Celtic – Rangers clashes.

In the match on December 29, at Ibrox, not a player was booked, although there were approximately 60 arrests.

However, some of these arrests may be avoided if the police outside would not let fans in who are drunk and carry alcohol, as it is usually drunk fans who cause ugly scenes which lead to arrest.

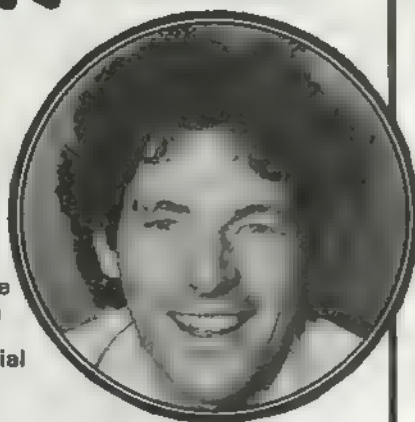
Getting back to violence on the field, even though the game may get a bit out of hand at times, the football actually seen can be very fast and exciting, and that is what the fans like to see isn't it? Surely Roderick would rather go to see entertaining football at Parkhead when Celtic play Rangers, than going to see dull, pat-ball stuff in a Scottish Second Division match watched by a 300 crowd?

Andrew Houston, Aberdeen

● Drink, we agree, is the key to violence.

OUTRAGED!

WELCOME to our new column – Outraged. It stems from many of the outraged views we receive each week from *MATCH WEEKLY* readers – and which, in turn, outrage *MATCH* writer, TREVOR HAYLETT. Why not outrage him still further – and win £2 in the process – by sending in your controversial and outrageous views to *MATCH WEEKLY*. And if you want to comment on his comments, go ahead.



Dalglish the diver . . .

I SAW the Liverpool v Southampton game on television and think Kenny Dalglish is the champion diver in the football League. I also think he is a lazy player when he's not got the ball.

B. Schofield (13), Ramsbottom, Bury

● Go to the bottom of the class B. Most of Dalglish's best work is done off the ball.

United . . . what violence?

AS A Manchester United supporter, I would like to get it straight with *MATCH* readers that there's hardly any violence on the United terraces. I think it's about time the critics stopped trying to give United supporters a bad name.

Chris Hudson, Hull

● After hearing the sickening chants of 'He's dead' and 'One-nil' when Miliija Aleksic was laid out during the Man. United v Spurs F.A. Cup replay it's hardly surprising the United fans have such a bad name. I'd put my pen away if I was you.

Not so lucky, Arsenal

I AM sick and tired of Arsenal being referred to as 'lucky'. Everyone forgets about their hard luck such as in 1927 when they were beaten by Cardiff in the F.A. Cup Final and in 1969 when Swindon beat them in the League Cup Final. Let's give Arsenal more credit

Gary Hickey (12), Romford, Essex

● 1927? No wonder people have forgotten about it. And as for the Swindon defeat no one at Highbury can have any grudges on that score. Arsenal get all the credit they deserve.

David's just great

I WANT to complain about Ron Greenwood. He has completely ignored the exceptional talents of Middlesbrough's David Armstrong. He always rises to the occasion and I think he's the best left-sided player in England

John Wilkinson, Middlesbrough

● You're entitled to your own opinion son, but if I was you I'd get out of the North East and take a look at Messrs. Brooking, Kennedy and Rix to name but three

Rough-house Hughes

IF A footballer is eligible for New Year Honours for services to the community why does it have to be Emlyn Hughes whose rough-house style of play and general petulance are more likely to drive people away from the game than anything else?

Thomas Allman, Essington, Wolverhampton

● What a horrible attitude Thomas. 'Crazy Horse' has given marvellous service over the years to England, Liverpool and now Wolves. No one deserves the honour more.



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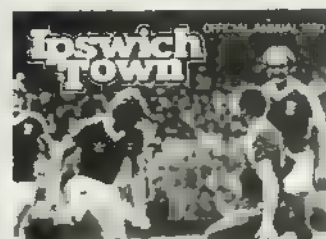
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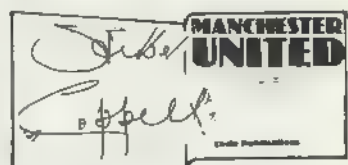
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LEFT: That's my ball! Shilton takes this one into custody in one of the safest pairs of hands in football.

BELOW: Peter Shilton, eyes on the ball, pulls off a fine save during Forest's 3-2 win over Wolves at the City Ground in October.

MY GREATEST SAVES: Three saves stick out in Peter Shilton's assessment of his own career and include games at both club and international level.

"I remember making an important save for England against Scotland at Wembley when I prevented Kenny Dalglish gaining a late equaliser - and there was another from a Mick Ferguson header that clinched the First Division championship for Forest in 1977-78.

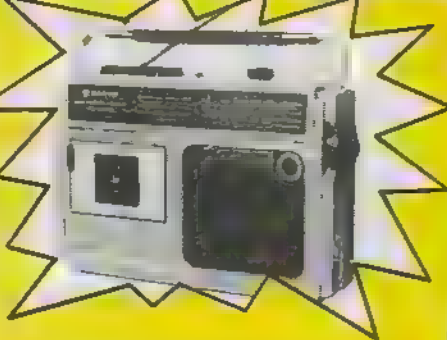
"But best of all was one against my Forest team mate Trevor Francis and unlike the other two it was not on television and fewer people saw it. It was two seasons ago and Trevor, playing for Birmingham, from having his back to goal turned sharply and drove his shot for the top corner.

"I didn't see it early because it flew past a defender but I had an idea where the ball was going and just managed to stretch and turn it past the angle of the goal."



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Clues Across:

1. Coppell or Highway?
3. Norwich manager. (4,4)
7. Arsenal's Irish wizard. (4,5)
9. Madrid.
10. Don, of Notts. County and Scotland.
11. Palace defender with a happy face?
15. Middlesbrough defender who has the same surname as Man. Utd's goalie. (3,6)
17. In short they're West Bromwich Albion. (1,1,1)

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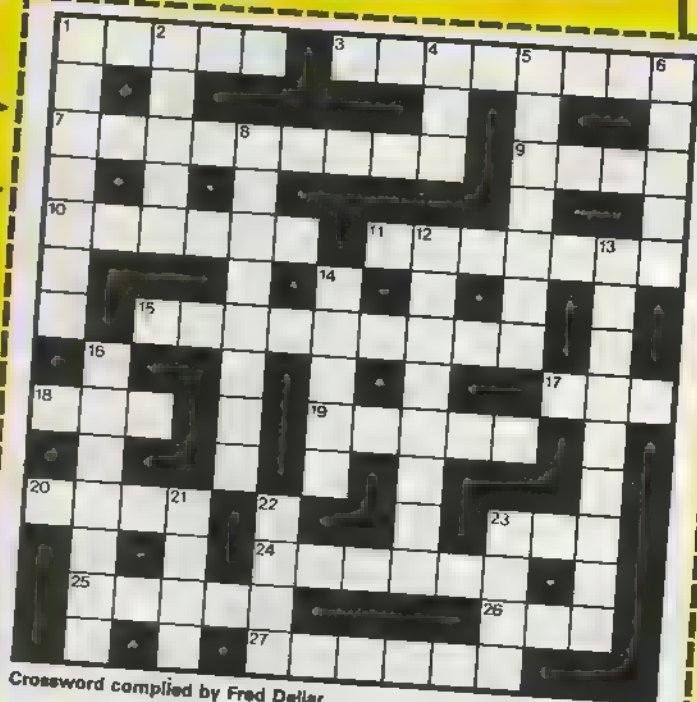
18. Home for 12 down
19. Norwich regular who sounds a bit hilly.
20. Brian, of Everton.
23. Could be Wilkins, could be Clemence.
24. Turn Ty Tale into Swansea regular (anagram)
25. Mick who joined Everton back in 1970-71
26. Scottish club that's an anagram of 23 across
27. With a name like this, he has to play for Luton!

Down:

1. Man. City's Barry, who once played for Hereford, Palace and Plymouth
2. Is it Ray of Stoke or Allan of Villa?
4. Bristol City defender who should make stacks!
5. That team from Turf Moor
6. Turn D V Lee into an Exeter midfielder
8. A coloured untruth - or a Newcastle defender?
12. London club known as

'The Lions'.

13. A confused Brian Yowe becomes a Nottm. Forest regular (3,6 anagram)
14. First name of Rangers' Jardine.
16. Switch just one letter of Evil Len and you've found yet another player for Exeter City
21. He's just 6ft 4½in and plays for Chelsea
22. Teams without this, find it hard to buy new players.
23. Brighton's Irish international.



Crossword compiled by Fred Dellar

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SCORE SIX

Using only letters that appear in **NEWPORT COUNTY** can you find the six soccer words indicated by these clues?

1. One of Manchester City's local lads . . .

2. . . . another one, now with W.B.A.
3. Top trophy.
4. Forward Millwall bought from Brighton
5. Torquay striker.
6. Swansea City used to be Swansea _____.



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1. Which non-League club knocked Southend United out of this season's F.A. Cup?
2. Name the player who recently became Britain's most costly teenage footballer?
3. Which two clubs had their numbers reversed in the draw for the Third Round of this year's F.A. Cup?
4. On which grounds do the following play their home games (a) Burnley, (b) Doncaster Rovers, (c) Kilmarnock?



ABOVE: Paul Mariner

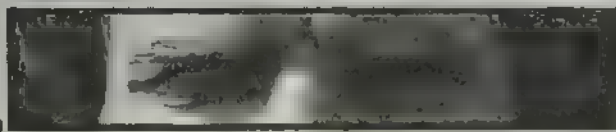
5. Which team did Tottenham Hotspur defeat 8-1 in the Second Leg of a European Cup match in 1961, after losing the First Leg 4-2?
6. From which club did Everton sign Andy King?
7. With which club did Pat Jennings start his League career?
8. Who was voted European Footballer of the Year in 1971-73 and 74?
9. Which club conceded most goals in the English Football League last season?
10. Which team knocked Ipswich Town out of this season's UEFA Cup?
11. Which current Division One manager was leading scorer in Division Two in season 1963/64?
12. Real Madrid won the European Cup every year from 1956 to 1960. Name the team who knocked them out of the 1961 competition.
13. Only three clubs in the English Football League were undefeated at home last season, two were Liverpool and Nottingham Forest name the third.
14. Name the only man since World War Two to score over fifty League goals in an English season.
15. Name the first team to win the Football League Cup at Wembley.
16. From which team did Ipswich sign Paul Mariner?
17. Which club has made the most appearances in the F.A. Cup Final?
18. Which team defeated Liverpool in the final of the 1966 European Cup Winners' Cup?
19. Name the first winners of the European Super Cup, played between the winners of the European Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup, in 1972.
20. Which club's original name was Black Arabs?

PRIVATE EYES

TAKE A peep at the two pairs of eyes above and see if you can name the players they belong to. To give you a clue the impish eyes at the top belong to a First Division midfield player rated among the best in the world, but who is likely to go abroad at the end of the season. The other pair belong to a long-serving First Division defender who has also played for England.



a



b

Paul Power
Manchester City

IT'S A FACT!

● There's been nothing else of its kind to match this in modern soccer: Goalkeeper Kevin Keelan, the oldest player to figure in Division One this season, has completed 17 years with Norwich City. Yet during 1961 alone he was with Aston Villa, Stockport County, Kidderminster Harriers, and Wrexham and all within seven months!

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● There was an 89-year break between the first and second F.A. Cup meetings of Crystal Palace and Hitchen Town! They clashed in the competition's first-ever season of 1871-72, and then weren't drawn together again until the First Round of 1960-61.

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● What are the odds against all London's clubs playing Football League matches on the same day without any of them losing — or winning? All played on February 13, 1937, without a defeat for any; all played on December 11, 1961, and there wasn't a winner amongst them!



Arsenal's midfielder John Hollins

● The only set of brothers to have become post-war full internationals of different countries — that's the Hollins pair. Current Arsenal midfielder John Hollins, a Guildford native, has played for England; elder brother Dave, formerly Newcastle United's goalkeeper and born at Bangor, has turned out for Wales

★ ★ ★

● Oxford United are the only Football League club ever drawn at home six times on the trot in the F.A. Cup in the same season — against Folkestone, Kettering, Chesterfield, Brentford, Blackburn Rovers, and Preston North End in 1963-64.

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● When, if ever again, will any player hit a hat-trick in his Football League debut match? Since the war 16 have done that, but the last such case dates back to March, 1967. The hero of it? Current Manchester City player Colin Viljoen — for Ipswich Town against Portsmouth.

NO REGRETS

Brotherston's enjoying life at Ewood Park

NOEL Brotherston, the young Belfast-born striker, faced a footballing dilemma shared by several other brilliant young kids.

Brotherston had to decide whether to stay at mighty Tottenham Hotspur where his chances of first-team football were receding with every game he played in the Spurs' reserve side or sign for Blackburn Rovers, a struggling Second Division side that offered him terms.

Others had come to the same crucial decision during their careers at Tottenham. In recent years, such successful footballing names as Souness, Flanagan, McNab, Weller and Possee have all left White Hart Lane — caught in that trap of no man's land between waiting and hoping for a chance to make it in the senior side or opting for a career in senior soccer elsewhere.

Brotherston had signed schoolboy forms for Spurs after his talents had caught the eye of Tottenham scouts while playing for Irish Schoolboys. He went to London, signed apprentice forms and later became a professional at the age of 18.

"Spurs are a great club and when I first became a professional, I thought there was a chance I would make the first team. But with the big clubs, new players are always joining and competition for first-team places is pretty tough," says Noel.

"I began to get unhappy playing in the reserves and thought of looking for somewhere else to play my football. I had to face facts and the truth and that was that Spurs clearly didn't think I was good enough."

Brotherston had played just one first-team game for Spurs when the club agreed to circulate other clubs that he was available. Blackburn became interested and Brotherston headed north to see the Ewood Park set-up.

"I had a look round up there and the manager and players struck me as being a really friendly bunch," he says. "It seemed just the place to start a new football career."

But Brotherston's form since joining Blackburn has not always been as consistent as he would have liked. "Two seasons ago, I had a really lean time," he says. "I managed only two goals all season, it was really desperate. Until then, I had always had my share of goals so it came as a bit of a shock to end the season virtually goalless."



Noel Brotherston . . . happy at Blackburn and enjoying football in Division Three.

"I worked hard in pre-season training the following year but I still didn't get back among the goals. Our results got worse and worse and we eventually slid into Division Three. And it has proved to be desperately hard to get out of this division."

"At the moment, my ambitions stretch only as far as helping Blackburn back into the Second Division. This club is worthy of something much better than Third Division football and it's a great shame to see them in this division. But in football, it's all about facing the facts of life."

"Manchester United were always thought to be a First Division club and probably the most famous First Division club in England. But they found out that if you're not good enough, you go down. Tottenham were the same, Chelsea and West Ham, too. Names and reputations count for nothing in this game and although Blackburn have had a good past, it doesn't guarantee a good future."

With hindsight, many might

think Brotherston would have done better to stay with Tottenham and hope for a future at another First Division club. But he discounts such suggestions, saying: "Blackburn have enabled me to enjoy my football and, as far as I'm concerned, that is worth one hell of a lot."

"Winning trophies isn't everything in football, there are other things to seek and achieve. And being happy at your club is one of those things. I don't regret my move here and Blackburn is still a club that can do better in the future."

"We have shown in some results this season that we are quite capable of playing and beating the best sides in the division. So if we can find some consistency, there is no reason why we shouldn't be promoted within a season or so. And if that happens, maybe we can then think about putting Rovers back on the footballing map where the club belongs — near the top."

match makers

KEITH BOND

Midfielder

Keith Bond, 30, is a former Scotland international who has played for several clubs including Rangers, Celtic, and Aberdeen. He is currently playing for the Scottish League. Bond is a versatile midfielder who can play in both defensive and attacking positions. He is known for his strong tackling and ability to read the game. Bond has won several trophies with his clubs, including the Scottish Cup and the Scottish League Cup. He is a popular player among fans and is considered one of the best midfielders in the Scottish League.

Keith Bond!





Rotherham's Richard Finney third in the Division Three striker ratings with an average of 7.01.



Ian Porterfield, Rotherham's new player-manager, tops the Division Three midfield ratings.



Peterborough United sharp shooter Billy Kellock is second in the Division Four midfield category.



Portsmouth's Joe Laidlaw has been turning on the style as the club make their push to get out of Division Four.

HALF TERM REPORT

DIVISION 3 & 4

STRIKERS

Division Three

Alex Sabella (Sheff. Utd.)	7.35
Russell Allen (Mansfield)	7.32
Richard Finney (Rotherham)	7.01
Peter Foley (Oxford)	7.01
Duncan McKenzie (Blackburn)	7.00
Terry Gray (Southend)	6.99
Doug Alder (Brentford)	6.99
Alan Mayes (Swindon)	6.96
Andy Rowland (Swindon)	6.96
Alan Core (Wimbledon)	6.92

Division Four

Mick Harford (Lincoln)	7.10
Neville Chamberlain (P. Vale)	7.00
Steve Massey (Bournemouth)	6.99
Derek Brownbill (Wigan)	6.99
Tommy Tynan (Newport)	6.99

MIDFIELD

Division Three

Ian Porterfield (Rotherham)	7.01
Paul Hilton (Bury)	7.00
Len de Goeij (Sheff. Utd.)	7.00
Anton Otulakowski (S'end)	6.98
Wicky Chatterton (Millwall)	6.97
Jimmy Giles (Exeter)	6.96
Keith Bowey (Blackpool)	6.94
Tony Towner (Millwall)	6.94
Derek Hood (Hull)	6.94
Joe Waters (Grimsby)	6.92

Division Four

Joe Laidlaw (Port'mth)	7.25
Billy Kellock (Peterboro')	7.20
Peter Lorimer (York)	7.00
Peter Spiring (Hereford)	7.00
Alan Little (Doncaster)	6.96

OUR Match Facts ratings have been so popular that we have decided to give you a Half-Term Report on how your favourite player is progressing through another gruelling season.

Already you have seen how Joe Corrigan (Man City), Mick Doyle (Stoke) and Ray Kennedy and David Johnson of Liverpool heads our charts in the First Division.

You have seen too, last week how West Ham's Trevor Brooking stands out in Division Two, with Mark Wallington of Leicester the top 'keeper, Birmingham's Colin Todd the best defender and little Orient winger John Chiedozi, top of the strikers.

Now we give you the men of the moment in Divisions Three and Four. Sadly lack of space prevents us from giving the full top 10 in Division Four, but we will reveal all at the end of the season.

DEFENDERS

Division Three

Sean O'Neil (Chesterfield)	7.01
Steve Hoolickin (Carlisle)	7.00
Peter Hatch (Exeter)	7.00
Kenny Stroud (Swindon)	6.99
Alan Whitehead (Bury)	6.98
Tony Tagg (Millwall)	6.98
Derek Fazackerley	6.97
Malcolm McIntosh (Oxford)	6.90
Mike Pickering (Sheff. Wed.)	6.89
Phil Coleman (Millwall)	6.87

Division Four

Steve Davey (Scunthorpe)	7.01
Steve Aizlewood (Ports'th)	6.95
Andy Clement (York)	6.94
Phil Sandercock (Northamp')	6.92
Colin Prophett (Crewe A.)	6.87

GOALKEEPERS

Division Three

Trevor Swinburne (Carlisle)	6.98
Steve Conroy (Sheff. Utd.)	6.98
Rod Arnold (Mansfield)	6.95
Steve Death (Reading)	6.94
John Forrest (Bury)	6.92
Ray Goddard (Wimbledon)	6.90
Ron Hillyard (Gillingham)	6.88
Ian Hesford (Blackpool)	6.86
Mervyn Cawston (Southend)	6.85
Bob Bolder (Sheff. Wed.)	6.83

Division Four

John Kilner (Halifax)	7.15
Andy Rankin (Hud'field)	7.10
John Turner (Torquay)	7.00
Eric McManus (Lincoln)	6.99
Gary Plumley (Newport)	6.99



Lincoln's Mick Harford - third in the Division Four striker ratings.

NEXT WEEK . .

TOP SCOTS

Players Ratings

- 10 — Out of this world
- 9 — Outstanding
- 8 — Excellent
- 7 — Good
- 6 — Adequate
- 5 — Off form
- 4 — Poor

Match ratings

- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★ Good value
- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ Waste of money

Monday, Jan. 21

FA CUP

Third Round Replay

BURY (1) 3 (Johnson 24, 55, Wilson 72)
ROCHDALE (2) 2 (Scaife 6, 42)
 Att 8 082
 Bury Forrest 7, Constantine 7, Whitehead 7, Waddington 8, Kennedy 7, Wilson 7, Halford 6, McIlwraith 6, Mullen 7, ★**JOHNSON 9**, Hilton 6, Rochdale Watson 7, Hart 6, ★**BANNON 8**, Weir 7, Snookes 7, O'Loughlin 6, Esser 7, Scaife 7, Wann 7, Sea 6, Hildrich 6
 Referee P N Willis (Co Durham)
 Match Rating ★★★★★

Division Four

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Henson 80)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
 Att 1 789
 Stockport ★**LAWSON 9**, Thorpe 6, Sherlock 6, Henson 7, Brads 7, Czuczman 7, Williams 7, Prudham 6, Sword 7, Chapman 6 (sub Rutter 6), Lyle 8
 Peterborough ★**WAUGH 9**, Guy 6, Phillips 7, Sharkey 6, Slough 8, Foster 6, Quow 6, Kellock 7, Cliss 6, Syrett 6, Cassels 7
 Referee A Hamill (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating ★★★

Tuesday, Jan. 22

League Cup — Semi-Final, First Leg

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 1 (Robertson pen 89)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0
 Att 32 234
 Nottingham Forest ★**SHILTON 9**, Anderson 7, Gray 6, McGovern 7, Lloyd 7, Needham 7, O'Neill 7, Bowyer 7, Birtles 7, Francis 8, Robertson 6
 Liverpool Clemence 6, Neal 6, Kennedy 6, A.G. Thompson 7, Kennedy 7, Hansen 7, Dalglish 7, Case 7, Johnson 7, ★**MCDERMOTT 8**, Souless 7
 Referee R C Challis (Tonbridge)
 Match Rating ★★★★★

SWINDON (1) 2 (Rowland 13, Mayes 86)
WOLVES (1) 1 (Daniel 26)
 Att 26 000
 Swindon Allen 7, Lewis 6, Stroud 7, McAle 6, Tucker 7, Carter 6, Miller 7, ★**KAMARA 8**, Rowland 7, Mayes 7, Williams 6
 Wolves Brads 7, Palmer 7, Parkin 6, Daniel 7, ★**MCALLE 8**, Berry 7, Hibbitt 6, Carr 7, Gray 6, Richards 7, Thomas 7
 Referee A Robinson (Waterloo)
 Match Rating ★★★★★

Friday, Jan. 25

Division Three

SOUTHEND (1) 3 (Gray 31, Spence 46, Parker 51)
HULL (0) 0
 Att 3 615



FA Cup ecstasy and agony for Everton's Brian Kidd in the 3-0 victory over Wigan. After scoring in the 76th minute, he was shown the red card after clashing with Wigan 'keeper John Brown in the 82nd minute

Southend: Cawston 7, Moody 7, Yates 7, Hadley 7, Cusack 7, Otulakowski 7, Gray 7, Pountney 7, ★**PARKER 8**, Spence 7, Stead 7, Hull ★**BLACKBURN 8**, Nisbet 6, De Vries 6, Croft 5, Dobson 6, Haigh 5, Roberts 6, Marwood 5, Edwards 6, Norrie 6, Moss 5 (sub Tait 5)
 Referee J E Martin (Alton)
 Match Rating ★★★

Division Four

TRANMERE (2) 5 (Kelly 24, 59, Evans 41, 80, Beamish 48)
ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Esser, pen 50)
 Att 1 890
 Tranmere Johnson 6, Parry 6, Flood 6, Bramhall 7, Edwards 6, Evans 7, Mungall 6, Craven 6, ★**KELLY 8**, Beamish 7, Peplow 6 (sub Mathias)
 Rochdale Watson 6, Bannion 5, Snookes 6, O'Loughlin 5, Waldron 6, Taylor 5, ★**ESSER 7**, Wann 6 (sub Hart 6), Seal 5, Scaife 6, Hildrich 5
 Referee J M Warner (Wednesbury)
 Match Rating ★★★

Saturday, Jan. 26

FA CUP Fourth Round

ARSENAL (1) 2 (Nelson 32, Talbot 79)
BRIGHTON (0) 0
 Att 43,212

7, Gooding 6, ★**DYSON 8**, Gillespie 7, English 7, Wallace 7, Hateley 6, Bair 6, Hutchison 7
 Referee K McNally (Gl Sutton Cheshire)
 Match Rating ★★★★★

BOLTON (1) 2 (Greaves 32, Whatmore 82)
HALIFAX (0) 0
 Att 21 085
 Bolton McDonagh 6, Nicholson 7, Burke 6, Greaves 6, ★**ALLARDYCE 8**, Walsh 6, Morgan 6, Whatmore 6, Carter 7, McNab 6, Red 7, Halifax Kilner 7, Dunleavy 6, Hull 7, Evans 6, Goodman 6, Hendrie 6, ★**FIRTH 8**, Kennedy 6, Burke 6, Smith 6, Stafford 6
 Referee T Farley (Co Durham)
 Match Rating ★★

BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Whitehead 37)
IPSWICH (1) 2 (Wark 44, Mariner 84)
 Att 19 608
 Bristol City Shaw 7, Tainton 6, Whitehead 6, ★**GOW 8**, Rodgers 5, Merrick 6 (sub Doyle), Pritchard 6, Fitzpatrick 7, Mabbitt 6, Sweeney 6, Garland 7
 Ipswich Cooper 7, Burley 7, ★**MILLS 8**, Thyssen 7, Osman 7, Bulcher 7, Wark 7, Muhren 6, Mariner 7, Brazil 7, Gates 7
 Referee T Burt (Sussex)
 Match Rating ★★

BURY (1) 1 (Whitehead 21)
BURNLEY (0) 0
 Att 17 722
 Bury Forrest 7, Constantine 7, Whitehead 7, ★**WADDINGTON 8**, Kennedy 7, Wilson 7, Halford 7, McIlwraith 5, Mullen 7, Johnson 8, Hilton 6
 Burnley Stevenson 7, Scott 6, ★**OVERSON 8**, Rodaway 6, Brennan 7, Smith 6, Dobson 7, Burke 6, Young 5 (sub Cavener 6), James 6, Hamilton 5
 Referee A J Hamill (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating ★★★★★

CAMBRIDGE UNITED (1) 1 (Turner 34)
ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Donovan 16)
 Att 12 000
 Cambridge Utd ★**WEBSTER 8**, Turner 7, Smith 6, Stringer 7, Fallon 7, O'Neill 7, Christie 6, Spriggs 7, Finney 7, Gibbins 6, Reilly 6 (sub Murray)
 Aston Villa Rimmer 7, Swain 7, Gibson 6, Evans 5, ★**MCNAUGHT 8**, Morimer 7, Bremner 7, Little 7, Donovan 7, Cowans 6, Shaw 7
 Referee M J Taylor (Deal Kent)
 Match Rating ★★★★★

CARLISLE (0) 0
WREXHAM (0) 0
 Att 13 136
 Carlisle Swinburne 7, Hoo ckin 6, Winstanley 7, MacDonald 6, Ludlam 6, Parker 7, McVitie 6
 ★**BONNYMAN 8**, Beardsley 7, Hamilton 6, Staniforth 7, Wrexham Davies 7, Darracott 6, Kenworthy 7, Davis 6, Jones 7, ★**FOX 8**, Vinter 7 (sub Buxton), Sutton 6, Edwards 7, Hill 6, Carrodus 7
 Referee G Courtney (Spennymoor)
 Match Rating ★★

CHESTER (2) 2 (Storton 5, Rush 34)
MILLWALL (0) 0
 Att 7,966
 Chester Milington 6, Jeffries 5, Walker 6, Storton 7, Collam 7, Oakes 6, ★**SUTCLIFFE 8**, Jones 6, Rush 7, Phillips 6, Henderson 5 (sub Howatt), Millwall Jackson 6, Donaldson 5, Roberts 5, Mehmet 5, Tagg 6, Blyth 6, Towner 7, Seaman 6, McKenna 5, ★**LYONS 8**, Coleman 6
 Referee K Hackett (Sheffield)
 Match Rating ★★★★★

EVERTON (1) 3 (McBride 30, Latchford 71, Kidd 76)
WIGAN (0) 0
 Att 51,863
 Everton Hodge 7, Gdman 8, Bailey 7, Wright 7, Lyons 6, Stanley 6, Hartford 6, Eastoe 5, Latchford 7,

Arsenal: Jennings 7, Rice 6, Nelson 7, ★**TALBOT 9**, O'Leary 7, Young 7, Brady 8, Sunderland 7, Stapleton 7, Price 7, Rix 8
 Brighton Moseley 6, Stevens 6, Williams 7, Horton 7, Foster 6, Suddaby 6, Ryan 7, Ward 7, Clarke 7, ★**LAWRENSON 8**, O'Sullivan 6 (sub Sayer 6)
 Referee J Hunting (Leicester)
 Match Rating ★★★★★

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Gemmill, pen 43, Bertschin 67)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Hodgson 89)
 Att 29 152
 Birmingham Wealds 7, Lees 7, Gallagher 6, Todd 7, Broadhurst 6, Ainscow 5, Curbishley 6 (sub Lynex), ★**GEMMILL 8**, Worthington 7, Bertschin 6, Johnston 7
 Middlesbrough Platt 6, Craggs 6, Ashcroft 6, McAndrew 6, Johnson 5, Proctor 7, Hedley 7, ★**ARMSTRONG 8**, Cochrane 5, Hodgson 7, Jankovic 5 (sub Burns)
 Referee N Ashley (Northwich)
 Match Rating ★★★★★

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Crawford 29)
COVENTRY (0) 0
 Att 20,785
 Blackburn Arnold 8, Branagan 7, Rathbone 7, Kendall 8, Keeley 8, Fazackerley 8, Brotherston 7, Crawford 7, Garner 7, ★**MCKENZIE 9**, Parkes 8
 Coventry Blyth 7, Coop 7, McDonald 7,



Kidd 6 ★McBRIDE 9
Wigan Brown 6, Fretwell 5, Hinnigan 7 (sub Quinn 5), Gore 6, Methven 7, Davids 7, Corrigan 7, Wright 6, ★HOUGHTON 8, Brownbill 7, Jrguhart 6
Referee P N Willis (Meadowfield)
Match Rating ★★★★★
Sending Off Kidd (Everton)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Dalglish 31, McDermott, pen 71)
Att 33,277
Nottm Forest Shilton 6, Anderson 6, Gray 5, ★McGOVERN 8, Lloyd 6 (sub Burns 7), Needham 7, O'Neill 7, Bowyer 7, Birtles 5, Francis 7, Robertson 6
Liverpool Clemence 6, Neal 7, Kennedy, A 6, Thompson 6, Kennedy R 7 ★HANSEN 8, Dalglish 7, Case 7, Johnson 7, McDermott 6, Souness 6
Referee C B White (Harrow)
Match Rating ★★★★★

ORIENT (1) 2 (Taylor, pen 12, Chiedozie 63)
WEST HAM (2) 3 (Gray, og 27, Stewart pen 35, 82)
Att 21,521
Orient Rafter 6, Fisher 7, Roffey 6, Taylor 6, Gray 6, Hughton 7, Margerison 6, ★COATES 9, Chiedozie 8, Jennings 6, Moores 6, West Ham Parkes 6, Lampard 6, Brush 6, Bonds 7, Martin 7, ★DEVONSHIRE 8, Allen 6, Stewart 7, Pearson 6, Pike 6, Neighbour 6
Referee S Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating ★★★★★

SWANSEA (2) 4 (Giles 10, 74, Waddle 42, James 70)
READING (0) 1 (Kearney 48)
Att 18,752
Swansea Lethen 6, Marustik 7, ★RUSHBURY 9, Charles 7, Phillips 7, Giles 8, Craig 7, Waddle 7, Toshack 7, Callaghan 7
Reading Death 7, Jostyn 6, White 5 (sub Kearns 6), ★BOWMAN 8, Hezke 7, Moreline 6, Earles 6, Kearney 7, Heale 6, Sanchez 7, Lewis 6
Referee R W Toseland (Market Harborough)
Match Rating ★★★★★

SWINDON (0) 0
TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Att 26,000
Swindon ★ALLAN 9, Lewis 8, Stroud 6, McHale 6, Tucker 6, Carter 7, Miller, I 8, Kamara 6, Rowland 6, Mayes 6, Williams 7
Spurs Daines 7, Hughton 6, Miller, P 7, ★YORATH 9, Naylor 7, Perryman 6, Ardiles 8, Jones 7, Armstrong 6, Hoddle 8, Villa 7 (sub Pratt 6)
Referee C Thomas (Treorchy)
Match Rating ★★★★★

WATFORD (0) 4 (Poskett 47, Patching 53, 55, Bolton 64)
HARLOW (1) 3 (Prosser 39, McKenzie 66, 82)
Att 24,586
Watford Steele 6, Henderson 6, Harrison 6 ★PATCHING 8, Sims 7, Bolton 7, Blissett 6, Poskett 7, Jenkins 7, Train 6, Rostron 7
Harlow Kitson 7, Wickendon 6, Hack 6, Gough 7, Clarke 6, Adnams 6, Mann 7, McKenzie 8, Prosser 8, Twigg 7, ★GRIFFITHS 9
Referee N Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating ★★★★★

WOLVES (0) 1 (Gray 60)
NORWICH (1) 1 (Bond 38)
Att 25,516
Wolves Bradshaw 7, Palmer 6, Parkin 6, Daniel 6, Hughes 6, Berry 6, Hibbitt 6, ★CARR 8, Gray 7, Richards 7, Thomas 6
Norwich Keelan 7, Bond 7, Downs 7, Ryan 6, Brown 7, Powell 7, Mendham 5, Reeves 6, Fashanu 6, Paddon 6, ★PETERS 8
Referee D Richardson (Blackburn)
Match Rating ★★★★★



West Ham's Ray Stewart — two goals in the Hammers London derby cup game against Orient.



Blackburn's Andy Crawford got the only goal of the game as his side toppled Coventry 1-0

Division One

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2 (Hilaire 24, Kember 71)
WBA (0) 2 (Robertson 76, Regis 78)
Att 23,358
Crystal Palace Burrridge 7, Hinshelwood 7, Sansom 7, Kember 7, Cannon 7, Gilbert 7, Murphy 6, Francis 6 (sub Swindlehurst 6), Walsh 7, Flanagan 7 ★HILAIRE 8, WBA Godden 7, Batson 7, Statham 7 (sub Brown, A 7), Moses 7, Wile 7, Robertson 7, Robson 7, Deehan 7, ★REGIS 8, Owen 7, Barnes 7
Referee A Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating ★★★★★

Division Three

BARNLEY (2) 2 (Glavin 2, Aylott 19)
OXFORD (0) 0
Att 9,058
Barnley Pierce 7, Joyce 7, Chambers 6, Glavin 7, ★HUNTER 8, Evans 7, Cooper 7, Graham 6, Aylott 7, Lester 6 (sub Millar 6), Banks 6
Oxford Brown 6, Doyle 6, McIntosh 6, Briggs 7, Cooke 6, Jeffrey 7, ★TAYLOR 8, Duncan 7, Foley 6, Berry 7, Watson 6
Referee J Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating ★★★★★

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
GRIMSBY (0) 3 (Drinkell 46, 60, Cumming 63)
Att 4,932
Blackpool Hesford 5, Gardner 5, Pashley 6, Noble 5, Malone 6, Thompson 5, Morris 5, Doyle 5, Jones 6, Kellow 6 (sub Weston 5), ★HARRISON 7
Grimsby Batch 8, Moore, D 7, Moore, K 7, Waters 7, Wigginton 7, Stone 7, Broily 6, Kilmore 7, ★DRINKELL 8, Mitchell 6, Cumming 7
Referee D Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating ★★★★★

EXETER (0) 1 (Hatch 57)
CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Moss 13, Crawford 87)
Att 4,345
Exeter Main 8, Rogers, M 7, Hatch 7, ★HORE 9, Giles 8, Roberts 8, Neville 7, Rogers, P 7, Bowker 6, Dolve 8, Pullar 8
Chesterfield ★KENDALL 10, Tarr 8, O'Neill 8, Ridley 8, Green 8, Kowalski 8, Birch 9, Moss 9, Walker 8, Salmons 7, Crawford 8
Referee R S Lewis (Gt Bookham)
Match Rating ★★★★★

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Bird 83)
WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Cunningham 30)
Att 3,895
Mansfield Arnold 6, Thompson 5 (sub Hamilton), Wood 6, Curtis 6, Bird 7, McClelland 6, Pollard 5, Taylor 5, Austin 6, ★MANN 8, Allen 5
Wimbledon Goddard 6, Briley 6, Jones 5, Galliers 7, Smith 6, Cunningham 7, Ketteridge 6, Parsons 6, Leslie 7, Denny 5, ★LEWINGTON 8
Referee K Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating ★★★★★
Sending Off Goddard (Wimbledon)

PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Bason 58, Cook 74)
GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Hughes 13, Price 64)
Att 6,413
Plymouth Crudgington 7, James 6, Harrison 7, Trusson 6, Foster 7, Phillipson Masters 7, Hodges 6, Cooper 7, Sims 6, ★BASON 9, Cook 7
Gillingham Hillyard 8, Ford 5 (sub Walker 6), Barker 6, Overton 7, Weatherley 7, ★CRABBE 9, Nichol, 6, Hughes 6, Price 7, Bruce 6, Richardson 7
Referee B Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating ★★★★★

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CUT OUT AND KEEP



WORLD ROUND-UP

DOUBLE BLOW



Kevin Keegan . . . In action for Hamburg and working hard to get them back on form for their Euro assault

Inter go clear

INTER Milan moved toward wrapping up the Italian championship with a 2-1 win over Udinese. They now stand five points clear over AC Milan, who stumbled 0-1 against Avellino.

Inter's win over the First Division newcomers was watched by 45,000 and Altobelli was the hero, scoring in the 42nd and 51st minutes. AC's defeat by a Cattaneo goal put them almost out of contention in the championship. Inter now have lost only one of their 17 matches and drawn seven.

Real Madrid slip

BASQUE team Real Sociedad have taken over the No. 1 slot in the Spanish First Division from Celtic's European Cup opponents Real Madrid.

Madrid suffered a disastrous 3-0 defeat in Bilbao. — Daniel Ruiz, Carlos Ruiz and Manuel Sarabia scoring the goals — while Real Sociedad grabbed a vital point against Atletico Madrid, to take over the lead on goal difference.

SIX OF THE BEST

SIX first-half goals by Tampa Bay Rowdies put them on the road to victory in the Eastern Division of the North American Indoor Soccer League. Fort Lauderdale Strikers hit back with five but were unable to equalise and Rowdies continue to head the table from Atlanta, beaten 4-3 by Detroit.

Thirteen goals from eight matches by Rowdies Peter Baralic keeps him top of the scoring charts, ahead of Trevor Francis' former Detroit scoring partner Keith Furphy.

John Houska of Memphis is

the leading 'keeper having conceded 16 goals in 361 minutes of indoor soccer and made 97 saves!

NASL INDOOR SOCCER STANDINGS

Eastern Division	P	W	L	For	Ag	Pts
Tampa Bay	8	6	2	48	36	11
Atlanta	8	6	2	34	28	11
Detroit	7	3	4	36	41	6
New England	7	2	5	31	40	4
Ft Lauderdale	8	2	6	36	40	4

Western Division

	P	W	L	For	Ag	Pts
Minnesota	7	5	2	47	29	10
Memphis	6	4	2	26	17	8
Tulsa	5	2	3	30	36	4
California	6	2	4	36	46	4
Los Angeles	6	2	4	28	39	4

KEVIN Keegan's chances of going out with a bang at Hamburg — as the winner of a European Cup Champions' medal — seem to be getting slimmer all the time.

Luck has not favoured the German Champions since their last round victory over Dynamo Tbilisi, the Russian side that knocked out Liverpool, and two of their key players are now on the injured list.

Yugoslav midfield general Ivan Buljan is out with jaundice and now full-back Manny Kaltz, a regular in the national side, is out with pneumonia. This brings the casualty list to four.

And a further blow to Hamburg morale was delivered by Second Division Offenbacher Kickers who dumped them out of the German Cup 2-0.

But **MATCH WEEKLY** columnist Kevin, who favours a move to Juventus of Italy when he leaves Hamburg at the end of the season, is still optimistic about his team's chances of winning the European Cup.

"It would be a tremendous note to leave the club on and I believe the quarter-final draw has given us a great chance to become champions," said Kevin. "The draw against Hajduk Split could have been a lot worse."

"Personally I would have preferred one of the other teams in the competition. I will never forget being savagely beaten up by policemen at

Belgrade airport four years ago when travelling with the England squad. My only crime was to laugh at the tomfoolery of a colleague walking the wrong way on a conveyor belt."

"This incident was the reason why I refused to go to play Split when Hamburg beat them in a friendly two years ago. Apart from that I look forward to playing in their new 80,000 capacity stadium and to having a good game."

Hamburg already know something about their Yugoslav opponents. Their coach, Franco Zebec, used to coach Split and Ivan Buljan played there for eight years.

"They won the Yugoslav Championship under pressure from teams like Red Star Belgrade — so they can't be bad," continued Kevin. "But with the first leg not being played until March 4 it seems likely that both Buljan and Kaltz will be fit again and I think we will go through, particularly with the first game being at home."

"Admittedly the result against Offenbacher Kickers was a blow to us. They played well on a very difficult pitch. But it could be a blessing in disguise. Unlike Liverpool, we can't take on too many competitions and do ourselves justice in all of them. We don't have 20 good players. We may benefit by being able to concentrate our efforts in other areas."

Results

West Germany

First Division
Bayer Uerdingen 2 Werder Bremen 0;
Munich 1860 1 FC Cologne 1;
Borussia Dortmund 0 Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Fortuna Dusseldorf 6 FC Kaiserautern 1; VfB Stuttgart 2 MSV Duisburg 0, Eintracht Braunschweig 3 Hertha Berlin 1; Bayer Leverkusen 1 Bayern Munich 0; Schalke 04 1 Borussia Moenchengladbach 0; Hamburg SV 3 Bochum 1.

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hamburg	18	10	5	3	38	17	25
Bayern Munich	18	10	4	4	36	18	24
FC Cologne	18	9	6	4	38	27	23
Eintracht Frankfurt	18	11	0	7	35	21	22
Borussia Dortmund	18	10	2	6	37	27	22
Schalke 04	18	8	6	4	25	15	22
VfB Stuttgart	18	9	3	6	35	26	21
Borussia M'gladbach	18	6	7	5	28	27	19
Bayer Leverkusen	18	8	6	6	22	30	18
Bayer Uerdingen	18	7	3	8	23	29	17
Fortuna Dusseldorf	18	6	4	8	36	38	16
FC Kaiserautern	18	6	3	9	30	34	15
Werder Bremen	18	6	3	9	23	37	15
VfL Bochum	18	5	4	9	18	24	14
Munich 1860	18	4	5	9	18	28	14
Eintracht Braunschweig	18	4	5	9	20	30	13
MSV Duisburg	18	5	3	10	19	33	13
Hertha Berlin	18	3	5	10	17	38	11

Portugal

First Division
Benfense 1 Maritimo 0; Setubal 0 Benfica 0, Guimaraes 1 Boavista 3; Leiria 2 Varzim 0; Estoril 0 Sporting 1, Rio Ave 0 Portimonense 2; Beira Mar 1 Espinho 1, Porto 1 Braga 0.
Leading standings (after 16 matches): Sporting, Porto 27; Benfica 25; Benfense 22, Boavista 19; Guimaraes 17, Espinho 15; Maritimo, Varzim, Braga, Setubal 13.

Italy

First Division
Ascoli 1 Torino 0; Avellino 1 AC Milan 0; Cagliari 1 Napoli 0; Fiorentina 0 Lazio 0; Inter Milan 2 Udinese 1; Juventus 1 Catanzaro 0; Perugia 1 Bologna 1; Roma 2 Pescara 1.

Second Division

Brescia 1 Taranto 0; Como 0 Cesena 0; Vicenza 1 Sambenedettese 1; Lecce 2 Pistoiese 2; Matera 1 Ternana 0; Palermo 1 Bari 1; Parma 0 Monza 1; Pisa 1 Genoa 0, Sampdoria 1 Atalanta 1, Spal 0 Verona 0.

Holland

Honor Division:
AZ67 5 MVV 1, NAC 0 Ajax 1; Willem II 1 Twente 0, Roda 2 PEC 1; Feyenoord 2 NEC 1; Utrecht 2 PSV 1, Haarlem 1 Den Haag 1, Vitesse 2 Sparta 1, Go Ahead 0 Excelsior 2.

Leading standings.

Ajax 32, Feyenoord 27, AZ67 26; PSV, Utrecht 22; Roda, Excelsior 21.

Spain

First Division:
Barcelona 2 Almeria 0; Rayo Vallecano 0 Zaragoza 1, Valencia 2 Betis 2, Athletic Bilbao 3 Real Madrid 0, Sevilla 2 Hercules 1, Melaga 0 Gijon 3; Burgos 0 Espanol 0, Las Palmas 1 Salamanca 0, Atletico Madrid 1 Real Sociedad 0.
Leading standings (after 17 matches): Real Sociedad, Real Madrid 26; Gijon 23; Valencia, Las Palmas 18, Espanol, Zaragoza, Sevilla, Athletic Bilbao, Barcelona 17.

SCOTLAND V PORTUGAL

Stein's sweeper

JOCK Stein kicks off his World Cup campaign in the European Championship match against Portugal at Hampden on February 6.

And that is not as Irish as it sounds - because with just six matches between now and the first qualifying game against Sweden the national team boss simply has to get it right.

With the game against the Portuguese meaning little in terms of the European tournament, the SFA have reduced the admission charges. It may be a cut price game but it is still highly significant.

Says Stein: "In 11 games Scotland have lost 19 goals and clearly I'm not happy about that. I must be sure we are safe at the back at all times.

The men in possession there are Jardine, McQueen, Burns, and McGrain but look out for a change as the Scots go for a sweeper to tighten things up - probably Aberdeen's Willie Miller.

Stein is also looking for someone to play in front of his central defenders and the player he has uppermost in mind is Liverpool's Alan Hansen.

Although Hansen has still to play well for Scotland, Stein is convinced he can do a job.

"He's outstanding for

★ ★ ★
After a depressing European Championship, Jock Stein plans to give Scotland the last laugh against Portugal.



Willie Miller - sweepers role for Scotland?

Liverpool and I'm can be the same for Scotland if we get the system right," says Stein.

"That is the vital thing. I want to create team spirit, a pattern of play and a good understanding. If any individual feels he cannot do that then he'll have to go."

Among the names expected to appear or re-appear are goalkeeper Billy Thomson of St. Mirren, Tommy Craig of Swansea and Frankie Gray of Nottingham Forest.

And very much included is Birmingham's Archie Gemmill. Stein feels that Gemmill's experience and leadership qualities will be vital all the way to the World Cup finals in Spain in 1982.

The Portuguese player for Scotland to look out for is their brilliant midfield play-maker Alvesx from Benfica.

He'll be easy to pick out, too. He'll be the one wearing gloves and he'll certainly need them in the chill Hampden air.

Goalkeeper Bento is another character, forever racing to the edge of his area to fly-hack and conducting play with a flurry of Latin chatter.

Up front, Nene is the danger to Scotland, but look out for Alberto who caught out Scotland in Lisbon when last they met with a strong run down the left, before cutting in to beat Rough with a fierce right foot shot from 20 yards.

ENGLAND v EIRE...EURO CH



Gerry Daly... Derby's Eire international schemer

HOW THEY STAND

GROUP 1 RESULTS

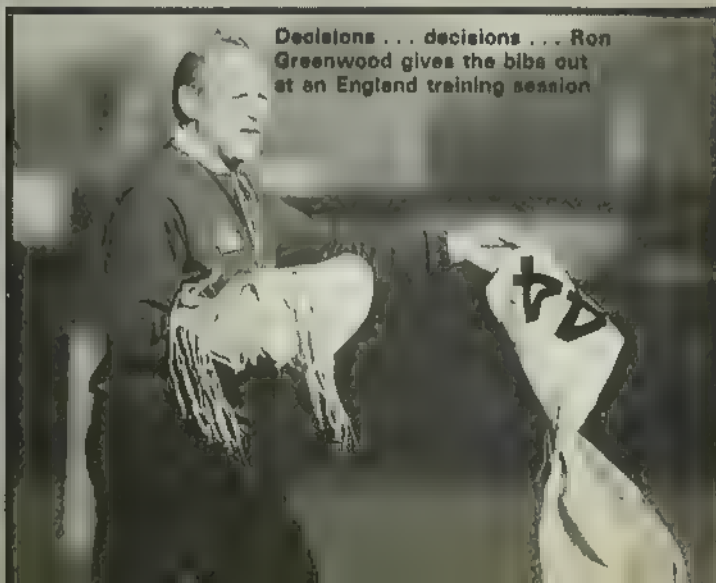
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Eire 1, England 1;
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England 4, N.Ireland 0;
N.Ireland 2, Bulgaria 0;
Eire 2, Denmark 0;
Bulgaria 0, Eire 0;
Bulgaria 0, England 3;
Denmark 4, N.Ireland 0;
England 1, Denmark 0;
N.Ireland 1, England 5;
Eire 3, Bulgaria 0;
Bulgaria 3, Denmark 0.

GROUP 2

Norway 0, Austria 2;
Belgium 1, Norway 1;
Austria 3, Scotland 2;
Portugal 1, Belgium 1;
Scotland 3, Norway 2;
Austria 1, Portugal 2;
Portugal 1, Scotland 0;
Austria 4, Norway 0;
Belgium 1, Austria 1;
Austria 0, Belgium 0;
Norway 0, Portugal 1;
Norway 0, Scotland 4;
Norway 1, Belgium 2;
Belgium 2, Portugal 0;
Scotland 1, Austria 1;
Portugal 3, Norway 1;
Belgium 2, Scotland 0;
Portugal 1, Austria 2;
Scotland 1, Belgium 3.

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
England	7	6	1	0	20	5	13
N Ireland	8	4	1	3	8	14	9
Eire	7	2	3	2	9	6	7
Bulgaria	8	2	1	5	6	14	5
Denmark	8	1	2	5	13	17	4

	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Belgium	8	4	4	0	12	5	12
Austria	8	4	3	1	14	7	11
Portugal	7	4	1	2	9	7	9
Scotland	7	2	1	4	11	12	6
Norway	8	0	1	7	5	20	1



MEANINGLESS?

Is nonsense say the stars

World Cup chances depend on it'-DALY

ENGLAND'S build-up to the European Championship starts on Wednesday with the visit of the Republic of Ireland to Wembley.

Already cynics have described the match as meaningless and, as the final match in the already decided Group One section of the European Championship qualifier, merely of statistical significance.

England have secured their place in the finals in Italy and victory by the Irish would merely enable them to leapfrog the old enemy from Northern Ireland in the final Group table.

That's what the cynics say - but it's certainly not an opinion shared by Mick Mills of Ipswich and England and Gerry Daly of Derby and Eire.

They see the encounter as vital to both nations...

'Vital to our team spirit for Italy'-MILLS

MILLS

"NOTHING at stake? That's ridiculous. Every England game has something at stake and this one is no different," says Ipswich and England defender Mick Mills.

"It hasn't got the added bonus of victory meaning qualification, but Eire are the only side to have taken a point off us in the Group, so we have got to treat them with respect.

"Winning is very important to English team spirit and co-ordination at this time, with the finals coming up in Italy and every player knows he has a job to do.

"It's difficult to know what kind of team Ron Greenwood will put out for this one. We haven't played together since we beat Bulgaria 2-0 at Wembley in November, so I would imagine he will want to check on the strength of his squad of 22 and perhaps play some experienced men to assess their form. Perhaps men like Currie and Cherry will come in for this game.

"When you talk about Eire, the first player that comes to mind is Liam Brady. He's a great player - and another I

have great respect for is David O'Leary.

"But you never fear a defender like you do a forward and that's why I think Steve Heighway of Liverpool could be a big threat.

"He came on as a substitute when we played at Liverpool this season and turned out to be probably their best player.

"It's a completely different England side to play in and be involved with nowadays. It's become more like a club side, with players working for each other.

"When I first came in players were trying to put on a personal performance to ensure they didn't get dropped. But now they don't give a monkey's - they work for one another in a basic pattern and the cohesion is better.

"I believe we have got a good chance in Italy. I played against Italy twice in the World Cup qualifiers, so I know a bit about them; Belgium too. We go there a lot with Ipswich and I like their style of play, it's very much like Holland. As for Spain, the other team in our group, I've never played against them as a nation. But if Barcelona is any guide - Ipswich have played them about four times - they won't be easy."



England v England! ... Ipswich skipper Mick Mills up against England team-mate Phil Neal during Bobby Robson's testimonial game at Portman Road last month.

DALY

"EIRE'S World Cup campaign starts at Wembley. There's no doubt about that because if we can get any kind of result there, it will give us the confidence to go ahead into the World Cup and really succeed," says Derby and Eire midfielder Gerry Daly.

"What Eire needs more than anything else is a couple of good results against sides like England. That would forge the spirit and self confidence to approach the World Cup with real optimism.

"I can't imagine England will want to take a stroll because their players may be playing for places in Italy and we won't be taking it easy either.

"We have some quality players like Brady, O'Leary, Devine and Stapleton of Arsenal, Tony Grealish of Luton and Mark Lawrenson of Brighton so no one can say Eire doesn't have the ability.

"What we need is confidence in facing Holland, France and Belgium who have

been drawn in our World Cup group.

"I have great respect for the state of the English game. They are a very good team, and are well motivated by Ron Greenwood and Kevin Keegan.

"They are starting to believe they can win things again and that is going to be half the battle in Italy. They have a lot of talent through their squad and sides will find them very difficult to beat.

"They are quite capable of beating any side out there, including Italy.

"England could win if it all goes right for them. They are certainly very professional with loads of natural ability and if you have got all that, you must stand a chance of success.

"Ron Greenwood has always believed in confidence for if a player doesn't have real confidence in himself and in his team, he may as well stay in the dressing room no matter how much natural talent he has.

"England have far more confidence in themselves these days, it's easy to see that as soon as they go on the field."

FED UP WITH SCORING GOALS!

Not any more says
TERRY CONNOR

Connor grounded after scoring in the League game with Nottingham Forest.

TERRY Connor got fed up scoring so many goals in schoolboy football he sometimes reverted to a defender to give others a chance.

Now he's grateful for every goal he gets. So are Leeds United who have watched in astonishment as the coloured kid, who only turned apprentice in July, illuminates their grey season.

Never has any player settled so well into the professional game since a young Tommy Lawton took the League by storm all those years ago.

Meteoric is the only word that can describe 17-year-old Connor's route to the top. He started off in the junior side this season and his goals soon made people sit up and take notice.

They kept rolling in at an alarming rate in the Reserves and with his senior team struggling through a spate of bad results and injuries it was inevitable that Leeds' manager Jimmy Adamson would soon push him up the final rung of the ladder.

"I certainly didn't expect a call up so soon," said Terry looking back to that fateful November day. "Everything has happened so quickly it's unbelievable."

"I was out with the rest of the Reserves when I got a message that the manager wanted to see me in the dressing room."

"I thought hello, what have I done now. I popped my head round the door, all shy like, and he told me to come in."

"I saw all the first-team sitting there and nearly fainted when Jimmy Adamson said I was in the 12 for the following

day's game at home to West Bromwich Albion."

Every good player needs luck on the way and Connor's came in that game - courtesy of the injured Paul Madeley. Connor came on as his substitute after 15 minutes and with only 7 minutes to go notched the winner.

Goals followed in the games with Manchester United, Wolves, Stoke, Arsenal, and Nottingham Forest (League). To date he has played 12 League and Cup games - and scored 6 goals. Before that he had grabbed an astonishing 19 in junior and reserve games!

"Scoring goals has always come naturally to me," Connor said. "As a schoolboy I sometimes scored five or six in a game. The team liked it but I felt a bit guilty about hogging all the glory, so I sometimes went back to the defence."

But it was his attacking qualities that interested United. Born on their doorstep they were hardly likely to let such a gem slip through their net. At 13 he started training at Elland Road and put pen to paper after finishing school in May.

"Luckily for me I didn't have to endure the mundane side of an apprentice's life for too long. It's strange to walk in the ground now and see my mates cleaning up while I go the way of the first teamers."

There's still a lot of work for Terry to do, however, and to his credit he realises he's only now learning about the game.

"It's good to read the nice things that are being said about you, but I know my talent is very raw and needs to be worked on."

"I'd like to improve my heading, to direct the balls more, and my left side needs working on."



Match Facts..... Match Facts..... Match Facts.....

Division Four

ALDRSHOT (0) 2 (Jopling 55, French 78)
STOCKPORT (0) 0
 Att: 3,002
 Aldershot: Johnson 5, Edwards 5, Jopling 7, Bennett 6, Wooler 5,
 ★**CROSBY** 8, Dixon 6, McGregor 6, French 7, Needham 4, Brodie 6
 Stockport: Lawson 6, Thorpe 5, Sherlock 5, Bradd 6, ★**CZUCZMAN** 7, Williams 5, Prudham 6, Sword 5, Henson 5, Chapman 6, Coyle 5
 Referee: M. Bidmead (Chessington)
 Match Rating: ★★

BRADFORD (2) 3 (Black 8, McNiven 35, 62)
DONCASTER (1) 1 (Nimmo 36)
 Att: 5,544
 Bradford: Smith 7, Podd 7, Watson 7, Robertson 6, Baines 6, Cooper 6,
 ★**BLACK** 8, Dolan 6, Campbell 7, McNiven 7, Hutchins 6
 Doncaster: ★**PEACOCK** 8, Russell 7, Snodin 7, Lister 5, Lally 6, Dowd 6, Bradley 5, Nimmo 6 (sub. Pugh 5), Warboys 6, Little 7, Riley 6
 Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
 Match Rating: ★★

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Stalker 64)
HEREFORD (1) 1 (Binney 10)
 Att: 1,447
 Darlington: Owers 7, Nattress 6, Cochrane 6, Ball 6, Craig 7, Smith 7, McLean 7, ★**HAMILTON** 8, Stalker 7, Taylor 5, Walsh 6
 Hereford: Hughes 7, Price 6,
 ★**BURROWS** 8, Marshall 6, Layton 7, Thomas 6, Binney 7, Spring 7, McGrellis 6, Jones 6, White 6
 Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)
 Match Rating: ★★

HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Ayre, pen 27)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Kendon 6)
 Att: 5,919
 Hartlepool: ★**BURLEIGH** 9, Sweeney 8, Carr 7, Lawrence 8, Brookes 6, Ayre 7, McNamee 6, Houchen 8, Harding 8, Gorry 7, Hampton 7
 Huddersfield: Rankin 6, Brown 8, Robinson 6, Stanton 7, Sutton 7, Hanvey 7, Laverick 6, ★**HART** 9, Kindon 7, Robins 8, Cowling 7
 Referee: A. Dobson (Blackburn)
 Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (0) 2 (Cunningham 49, Hobson 87)
TORQUAY (0) 0
 Att: 3,414
 Lincoln: McManus 6, Ward 6, Neale 7, ★**SHIPLEY** 9, Peake 8, Carr 7, Hobson 6, Keeley 7, Harford 6, Cunningham 7, Bell 6
 Torquay: Turner 7, Twitchin 6, Ritchie 6, ★**PETHARD** 8, Bourne 6, Sermanni 5 (sub. Smith 6), Coffill 5, Wilson 6, Cooper 7, Lawrence 7, Murphy 6
 Referee: C. A. Maskell (Cambridge)
 Match Rating: ★★

NEWPORT (0) 0
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 4,833
 Newport: Plumley 7, Walden 6, Relish 7, Bruton, D 6, Davies 5,
 ★**BAILEY** 8, Vaughan 7, Lowndes 7, Bruton, M 5 (sub. Tynan 6), Aldridge 6, Moore 7
 Bournemouth: Smeulders 7, Cunningham 7, Ferns 7, ★**IMPEY** 8, Townsend 7, Bryant 6, Holder 6, MacDougall 7, Butler 7, Evanson 6, Miller 6
 Referee: W. Bombroff (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★

PETERBOROUGH (1) 3 (Kellock 36, Cliss 68, Syrett 76)
PORT VALE (0) 0
 Att: 3,287
 Peterborough: Waugh 6, Carmichael 7, Phillips 6, Guy 6, Slough 7, Foster 6, Quow 5 (sub. Robson 6),
 ★**KELLOCK** 8, Cliss 6, Syrett 6, Cassells 5
 Port Vale: Dance 6, Sproson 5, Griffiths 5, ★**BENTLEY** 8, Delgado 6, Keenan 6, Beech 6, Farrell 6, Owen 5, Chamberlain 7, Healy 5 (sub. Bromage)
 Match Rating: ★★

Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
 Match Rating: ★★

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Partridge 59)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 2,606
 Scunthorpe: Gordon 7, Davy 7, Peacock 6, Deere 7, Dall 7, Kavanagh 7, ★**PUGH** 8, Green 6 (sub. Cowling 7), Pilling 6, Partridge 6, Stewart 7
 Portsmouth: Mellor 6, Ellis 6, Viney 6, Brisley 6, Hazelwood 7, Roberts 7, Garwood 7, Laidlaw 6, Perrin 6 (sub. Gregory 7), Bryant 7, ★**ROGERS** 8
 Referee: D. A. Webb (Cheshire)
 Match Rating: ★★

WALSALL (2) 5 (Penn 17, Paul 24, Caswell 47, Buckley 68, Rees 74)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Bowen 61)
 Att: 5,646
 Walsall: Green 8, Macken 8 (sub. Rees 7), Mower 7, Sbragia 8, Serella 7, Paul 8, Penn 7, Williams 7, McDonagh 6, ★**BUCKLEY** 9, Caswell 6
 Northampton: Poole 6, Farrington 6, Sandercock 5, Byatt 6, Waldock 6, Ward 6, Denyer 6, Leonard 7,
 ★**McCAFFREY** 8, Bowen 6, Farmer 6 (sub. Sargent 7)
 Referee: L. Shapter (Newton Abbott)
 Match Rating: ★★

YORK (2) 2 (McDonald, pen 10, Loggie 14)
CREWE (1) 2 (Conroy 19, Hunter 49)
 Att: 2,460
 York: Crawford 6, Kay 5, Walsh 6, Pugh 6, Faulkner 6, Clements 6, Randall 6, Lorimer 7, Eccles 6 (sub. Wellings 5), ★**McDONALD** 8, Loggie 6
 Crewe: Grobelaar 7, Lewis 6, Wilkinson 6, ★**HUNTER** 8, Scott 7, Prophet 7, McMahon 6, Guy 7, Conroy 7, Pallios 6, Nelson 6
 Referee: C. N. Seel (Carlisle)
 Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH

FA Cup — Third Round

AIRDRIE v **ST JOHNSTONE** —
 Match Postponed

ALLOA (1) 1 (Holt 13)
HEARTS (0) 0
 Att: 4,500
 Abandoned after 50 minutes — Fog



Kevin Bond's 38th minute goal earned Norwich a replay at Wolves.

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Stark 44)
ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Archibald 31)
 Att: 8,000
 Arbroath: (1) 1 (Stark 44)
 Aberdeen: (1) 1 (Archibald 31)
 Att: 8,000
 Berwick: (2) 3 (Tait 35, Wallace 15, 81)
 Peterhead: (1) 1 (McDowell, og 11)
 Att: 1,327

CELTIC (2) 2 (Lennox 15, Doyle 33)
RAITH ROVERS (0) 1 (Ballantyne 57)
 Att: 18,000

CLYDE (0) 2 (Hood 62, Hyslop 89)
RANGERS (0) 2 (Jackson 75, Jardine, pen 63)
 Att: 10,800

CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Miller 3)
STIRLING (0) 1 (Kennedy, A 50)
 Att: 1,483

DUMBARTON (1) 1 (Gallagher, B 44)
AYR (1) 2 (Conner, pen 62, Armour 14)
 Att: 2,840

DUNDEE UNITED v **DUNDEE** —
 Match Postponed

DUNFERMLINE v **BUCKIE** — Match Postponed

MORTON (1) 1 (Tolmie 37)
COWDENBEATH (0) 0
 Att: 4,517

HAMILTON (0) 2 (Graham 86, Howie 87)
KEITH (1) 3 (Kair 40, O'Hara 60, Bremner 78)
 Att: 2,307

KILMARNOCK v **PARTICK** —
 Match Postponed

MEADOWBANK (0) 0
HIBERNIAN (1) 1 (Callaghan 26)
 Att: 8,415

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 2 (McCann 37, Mitchell 56)
MOTHERWELL (0) 0
 Att: 5,100

ST MIRREN (0) 3 (Docherty 48, 72, Weir 81)
BRECHIN (0) 1 (Paterson 88)
 Att: 6,500

Second Division

FALKIRK (0) 0
STRANRAER (0) 0
 Att: 1,500
 Falkirk: (1) 1 (Farmingham 33)
 East Stirling: (0) 1 (Lamont 65)
 Att: 1,250

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 3 (Gillespie, J 40, pen 78, 88)
EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Mitchell 81)
 Att: 653

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 2 (Dunn 50, 83)
MONTROSE (0) 1 (Murray 54)
 Att: 570

Division One

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	Ps
Liverpool ...	24	8	4	0	28	5	6	3	3	22	11
Man. Utd. ...	24	10	2	0	26	3	3	3	5	11	14
Arsenal ...	23	8	5	1	16	8	4	5	3	14	12
Southampton	24	8	1	3	14	15	3	4	6	7	16
Ipswich ...	26	8	2	3	23	9	5	1	7	14	21
Crystal Pal.	26	7	6	1	20	7	2	5	5	10	20
Not'm. For.	25	6	2	1	22	9	4	2	8	16	22
Nottingham	25	7	6	0	24	12	3	2	8	10	26
Aston Villa	23	6	3	1	16	12	3	5	2	13	11
Leeds Utd.	24	6	3	4	18	14	3	6	4	12	18
Middlesbrough	24	7	6	1	17	7	3	7	8	15	26
Tottenham	25	7	1	3	16	12	3	5	6	16	24
Coventry ...	26	6	1	3	25	14	3	1	9	13	26
Wolves ...	24	8	8	2	16	10	5	0	7	13	20
Man. City	25	6	3	1	17	12	3	2	8	10	26
Everton ...	25	6	3	4	18	16	2	5	5	11	16
Brighton ...	25	6	3	4	17	16	3	3	7	16	22
West Brom.	25	6	4	2	25	14	0	5	8	9	23
Sheff. Wed.	24	5	2	5	17	17	1	5	6	9	18
Bristol City	26	3	5	6	12	19	2	3	7	8	20
Derby Cnty.	24	6	1	7	18	17	1	3	9	5	22
Bolton ...	24	1	8	3	8	11	0	1	11	8	31

Division Two

	HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Newcastle	25	12	1	0	26	8	2	6	5	15
Sheff. Utd.	25	9	6	1	22	7	8	2	5	22
Leicester	26	7	4	2	22	13	5	5	3	19
Luton	26	3	7	1	24	12	6	3	3	19
Sunderland	26	11	2	0	31	11	1	4	8	10
West Ham	24	8	2	2	21	6	4	1	6	11
Birmingham	24	8	2	2	17	9	4	3	5	14
Wrexham	26	10	1	2	21	8	3	2	8	12
Q.P.R.	25	7	3	2	31	13	4	2	7	14
Preston	26	5	7	1	22	16	2	4	7	11
Swansea	25	9	0	4	21	12	1	6	8	9
Cardiff	26	7	2	3	12	9	3	3	6	13
Orient	25	5	4	3	18	24	3	5	5	11
Not's Cnty.	26	4	6	4	20	16	4	2	8	15
Cambridge	26	5	5	3	25	16	1	6	6	11
Watford	25	5	5	3	13	10	1	4	7	6
Bristol R.	25	6	4	2	21	13	4	1	10	12
Shrewsbury	26	3	6	3	13	13	1	1	8	12
Oldham	25	6	2	3	13	9	0	5	7	11
Burnley	24	4	5	4	14	14	1	4	7	14
Charlton	25	5	4	3	16	15	0	3	10	7
Fulham	24	3	2	7	11	19	3	1	8	14

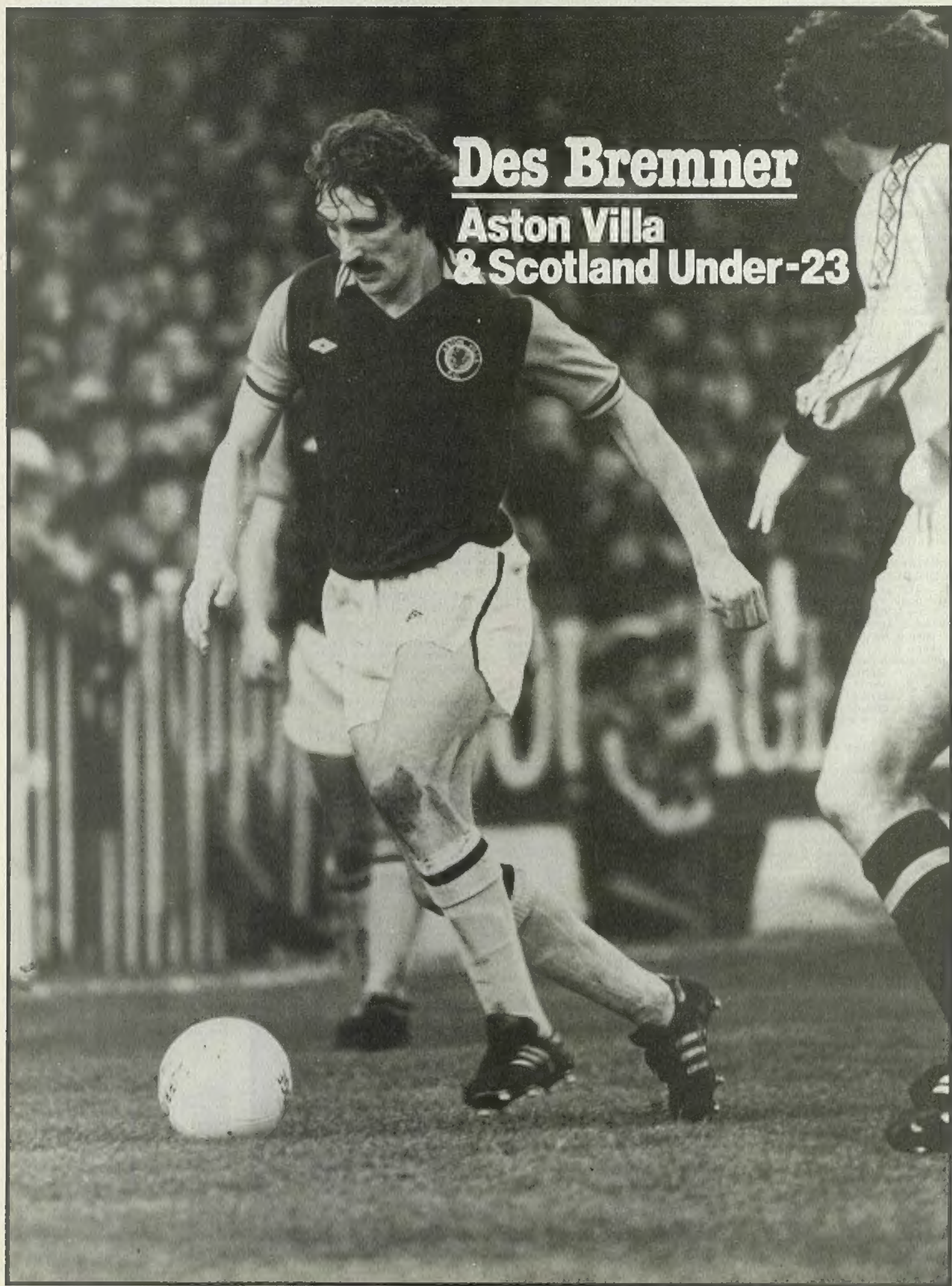
Division Three

	HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Grimsby	29	10	1	3	25	14	5	4	6	13
Sheff. Utd.	29	10	2	3	29	14	5	2	7	20
Chesh'ter	28	10	4	0	31	11	3	3	8	12
Colchester	28	5	8	2	24	15	7	1	5	16
Chesh'ter	27	6	4	1	19	10	5	5	8	17
Swindon	24	9	2	1	30	13	1	2	6	14
Militant	25	10	2	1	29	12	2	4	6	10
Sheff. W.	28	5	3	5	16	13	8	6	2	25
Brentford	28	7	4	4	28	20	4	3	6	18
Exeter	29	7	4	4	21	16	4	3	7	17
Blackburn	27	6	4	3	15	8	4	4	8	13
Gillingham	27	5	6	2	16	10	4	6	17	21
Plymouth	30	9	5	2	30	13	1	3	10	14
Rotherham	28	0	0	4	26	15	3	2	7	15
Oxford	27	6	2	3	28	12	2	7	5	15
Reading	26	8	3	2	27	12	1	4	8	10
Blackpool	29	7	3	5	30	26	2	4	8	14
Sarnley	27	7	3	4	19	15	3	2	8	16
Carlisle	26	7	4	2	25	12	2	2	8	12
Hull	29	4	6	3	17	15	1	7	8	14
Mansfield	27	6	3	3	21	14	0	4	9	8
Bury	26	7	3	3	25	12	2	0	11	8
Southend	27	6	2	5	20	14	2	3	8	9
Wimbledon	25	2	4	5	15	17	3	4	7	11

Division Four

	HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Walsall	28	6	6	0	27 12	8	4	2	21	13 42
Huddersfield	30	10	2	2	40 13	7	5	4	26	22
Portsmouth	28	11	2	2	46 18	5	3	8	17	17 37
Newport	30	10	5	2	22 18	5	1	7	21	18
Bradford	27	8	4	2	31 10	8	1	5	17	22
Torquay	28	11	8	3	41 11	2	6	16	26	35
Aldershot	27	9	1	4	24 11	5	3	5	17	16
Peterborough	29	8	1	6	25 17	3	6	6	14	29
Hartlepool	29	8	4	2	28 16	3	2	9	15	22
Doncaster	27	7	2	8	24 21	3	8	5	16	19
Wigan	24	7	3	4	26					
Bournemouth	28	4	8	15	17 3	8	3	16	14	27
Tranmere	27	7	1	9	25 15	8	5	12	20	21
Lincoln	24	8	1	12	8	3	2	7	12	21
Halifax	28	8	4	1	15 7	1	3	9	23	23
Stockport	29	8	4	1	17 18	4	2	12	25	25
Newhampton	24	4	4	1	16					
York	28	5	4	2	26 21	3	9	21	37	37
Hereford	28	5	4	14	12 2	3	9	10	22	22
Scunthorpe	28	5	5	2	23 13	1	12	9	36	32
Darlington	28	5	6	2	20 13	1	11	11	34	34
Park Vale	28	5	2	7	20 14	2	10	10	30	30
Reckless	27	4	4	1	16		4	10	13	38
Clevedon	27	4	4	1	15 10	0	2	12	6	33

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Pen Pals

I would like a girl or boy penfriend between the ages of 14 and 18. I am 15 and I support Liverpool, but I like football over a wide basis. I enjoy most modern music and I like to participate in as well as spectating sport.

Simon Burn, 19 St. Botolphs Road, Scunthorpe, S. Humberside, DN16 1PT.

I am 12 years old. I support Leeds United but my friend doesn't have to. My main hobbies are football, rugby, cricket, and cross-country running.

Lee Doyle, 37 Mackenzie Gardens, Buford Camp, Wilts.

I am 9 years old. I would like a penpal who supports Coventry City. I like watching and playing football and reading.

Jonathan Luck, 26 Lortwell Road, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, MK19 7BZ.

I would like a boy or girl penpal between the ages of 15 and 18. I am 15 and I support Brighton and Leeds United, but supporters of any League team are welcome to write. I enjoy watching TV, reading and most pop music.

Angela Gajewski, 6 Westham Flats, Whitehawk Road, Brighton, E. Sussex, BN2 5GA.

If possible, I would like a boy or girl penpal between the ages of 16 and 20. My interests are football, most types of music and walking. I support Ipswich Town.

John Waters, 15 Woodlands, Bishops Stortford, Herts, CM23 5BS. (Age 17)

I am 14 and support Wrexham and would like a male penpal who also supports them and lives in the Wrexham area. My other hobbies are athletics and cross-country.

Howard James, Tyhir, St. Dogmaels, Cardigan, Dyfed, SA43 3JT.

I would like a penpal from Great Britain. I'm interested mainly in collecting enamel football badges. I could send some badges of Polish teams, pennants and other football souvenirs in exchange.

Piotr Komorniczak, ul. Kremerowska 6/8, 31-130 Krakow, Poland.

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Winner of the radio cassette, first prize in the MATCH WEEKLY Crossword No. 18, was:

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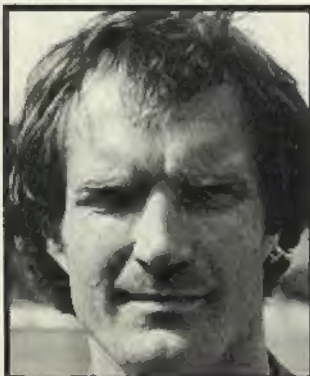
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Answers to Crossword No. 18: Across - 1. Gary Gillespie; 7. Tackle; 9. Lee; 10. (Shaun) Elliott; 11. (Gary) Shaw; 12. Ayr; 14. (Viv) Anderson; 17 and 18. Lou Macari; 21. Ken Tiler; 23. Pad; 24. (Ron) Atkinson; 26. Celtic; 27. (Wayne) Entwistle. Down - 1. (Eric) Gates; 2. (John) Richards; 3. (Tony) Gale; 4. (John) Lukic; 5. (Derek) Statham; 6. (Steve) Emery; 8. (Peter) Ellis; 12. Alloa; 14. (Milla) Aleksic; 15. (Cyrille) Regis; 16. Orient; 19 and 13 across. Alan Ball; 20. (Gerry) Ryan; 22. (Peter) Noble; 23. Post; 24. Ace; 25. Kit.

PRIVATE EYES

a) **Liam Brady, Arsenal.**

b) **Paul Madeley, Leeds United.**



WINNERS of the five radio cassettes in our Match Score competition (published in our January 3-10 issue) were:

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Quiz Answers

1. Harlow; 2. Ray Stewart of West Ham; 3. Wolves and Wrexham; 4. (a) Turf Moor (b) Belle Vue (c) Rugby Park; 5. Gornik; 6. Luton; 7. Watford; 8. Johan Cruyff; 9. Chelsea; 10. Grasshoppers of Zurich; 11. Ron Saunders of Aston Villa; 12. Barcelona; 13. Shrewsbury Town; 14. Terry Bly of Peterborough; 15. Queen's Park Rangers; 16. Plymouth Argyle; 17. Newcastle United; 18. Borussia Dortmund; 19. Ajax; 20. Bristol Rovers.

Score Six

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